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Migden vs. BofA

The following letter was sent to Bank of America:

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The Bank of America has been unwilling to commit itself to discontinuing its funding of the Boy Scouts of America, a group which continues to maintain a policy of discriminating against the inclusion of gay Scouts and Scout leaders. Though I am aware of the bank's support for gay and AIDS-related organizations, I do not believe, as your leadership has tried to suggest, that this charitable giving excuses support for a discriminatory organization; rather, I believe it makes it all the more hypocritical.

The bank's funding of the Boy Scouts encourages the violation of civil rights. It condones a history of trauma for boys who want to be Scouts and are grappling with their sexual orientation. Because this policy is so fundamentally morally flawed, I have chosen not to conduct business with the Bank of America any longer.

I also want to express my outrage that your processing center attempted to persuade me not to close my account, arguing that the Boy Scouts have discontinued their practice of discriminating against gay people. This is an out-and-out mistruth, and I believe that the bank should be ashamed to mislead its customers in this way. I would urge you to let your employees know that the Boy Scouts have done nothing to change their policy. Had they done so, the bank would not have reacted to the threat of a boycott from religious fundamentalists by reversing its decision not to fund the Scouts.

Please confirm with me that this account has been closed. And I would appreciate any explanation you can provide as to why the bank's representatives are misstating the position of the Boy Scouts on this issue.

Carole Migden
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Making Colorado Pay (Postage)

I am writing to urge readers to continue to boycott Colorado and to carry out the *new* protest against Colorado described in this letter. Only by continuing to apply pressure to businesses in Colorado can we get them to speak out against Amendment 2. We need to push companies in Colorado to do all they can to see that Amendment 2 is never put into effect.

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Palo Alto

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Raelani, Barbara,
Steve, Jessie
San Francisco

Somalia—Another View

As a member of the African community in the diaspora, I found Gene Catalano's letter ("Blitz Somalia," *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 14) to be an asinine and unthoughtful request for members of the community to perform [to write supportive letters to U.S. troops in Somalia] in light of the invasion by Eurocentric, Western nations (in coalition?) into the sovereignty of Somalia under the guise of humanity.

Catalano's letter demonstrates, quite frankly, the narrowmindedness and separation that exists within the community between queer people of color and gay white males. If he is so concerned about lifting the ban on "gays" within the U.S. military machine, why not send (or take) 25 letters, telegrams, etc. to the Pentagon or the Senate and House Committees on Defense? Letters sent to U.S. Marines of any gender or sexual persuasion who are participating in any way in this onslaught against the Republic of Somalia should not be encouraging them for "a job well-done," but should be questioning their integrity in supporting a global political invasion into the sovereignty of another nation—especially a nation of people of color who did not, I repeat, *did not* request such assistance from outsiders meddling in their internal affairs.

Obviously, this probably goes well beyond Mr. Catalano's simplemindedness (since his letter dealt less with Somalia than with his goody-goody deed) and he did not, evidently, consider the matter on a personal level before writing his letter. Let me put it this way: What if the FBI or CIA came calling at his door and wished to look into his medicine cabinet to see what kind of medicine(s) his former lover was taking before his death; how would he feel? Well, what is good for him involving rights of privacy is good for everyone else, everywhere else. We Africans have one thing to say: "White male U.S. hands out of Somalia! Or else...."

However, if Mr. Catalano still feels compelled to write letters, I suggest he direct them to Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and request forgiveness from that nation and its people (as well as my brother and sister immigrants here) for the untold death and havoc inflicted upon them by his ex-Vietnam veteran Marine lover. You see, Gene, it's the same basic issue, just a different part of the planet and a different group of people of color.

Kwezi Sembe
Berkeley

Willie Kennedy's Promises

Before the election, I wrote to the *SF Bay Times* to alert your readers that Willie Kennedy broke her written pledge to support restrictions on smoking in restaurants ("Don't Be Fooled by Willie Kennedy," Oct. 22). In a response to the *SF Bay Times*, her ghostwriter denied the charges and impugned my character ("Supervisor Kennedy Responds," Nov. 5). Now the supervisor is under fire for breaking yet another pledge. There's something to be said for consistency, but I forget what it is.

In siding with BofA, Supervisor Kennedy said, "Sometimes you can keep your promises. Sometimes you can't." That's certainly true, and all of us, politicians or not, deserve the right to reevaluate commitments in the face of new information. But what new facts inform her decision to break an explicit campaign promise other than the fact that she no longer needs our votes?

No, nothing has changed since the week of the Republican National Convention, when BofA capitulated to right-wing pressure and shafted us. If only the vote to withdraw funds from BofA had been scheduled before the election. Kennedy would have almost certainly voted with us or, better yet, been booted from the board. Since the electorate—mainstream or queer—seems to have a rather short memory, it makes sense to raise litmus test issues before an election, not after.

Naphtali Offen
San Francisco

Beyond the Nonsense

A quick note to all my liberal friends in hopes that they come away from all this nonsense: talking about how chic Hillary Clinton looks in her inaugural gown; who has tickets to the Triangle Club; the Lincoln Memorial backlit to resemble the facade of a *Star Wars* set; Michael Jackson and Mickey Mouse and the castle from Disneyland parading down the ellipse while bombs are bursting over the airspace of Baghdad.

President Clinton has already fudged his policy on the embattled Haitian people, and he runs "shoulder to shoulder" with Bush on the continuing criminal war against the people of Iraq—a war many of you were protesting just two short years ago. He's also said he's going to raise taxes anyway. All this before he actually became president.

Is the planet in any better hands with Al Gore as vice president? Much touted as an environmentalist, he has never in his career in the Senate voted against a war appropriation and was the most vocal in the Democratic Party in favor of Bush's war in the Persian Gulf—one of the biggest environmental disasters of the century (*Science News*, July 13, 1991).

Until the politicians in this country start talking about slashing the military budget and sharing the wealth, any political and economic changes will be—like Hillary Clinton's inaugural gown—merely cosmetic.

Ronnie Burk
San Francisco

Change the Old Ways?

This is the first time I have written a letter to any gay newspaper—or in fact to any news organization. I guess, like most people, I see, read or hear things that make me angry or frustrated, but don't know how to try to change things or how to explain my own feelings. But I want to respond to Brian Procknal's letter ("Old Ways Crumble," *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 14, 1993).

He said he is under 35 and feels that the theme of this year's gay parade, "Year of the Queer" is great. When he has walked in the shoes of "old ways," as so many of us who are 15 or more years older, have, he might know why this theme is disturbing to a lot of people.

I am sure he isn't old enough to have experienced that feeling of cringing when the word "queer" was said. The dictionary says queer is "slang for homosexual, odd, strange, slightly ill, different from what is usual." I wonder if Brian, or any of us, have that feeling of these things, except slang. No, we aren't any of these things, nor do I feel we are people of "slang." If we think or feel we are, then we haven't moved forward; we have stood still.

"Old ways crumble"? Thank God for that. Ask the Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Italians, Germans, English, Jews, Asians, African Americans, Latinos. At times we still hear words like "Redskin," "Chink," "Jap," "Wop," "Dago," "Kraut," "Limey," "Kike," "Gink," "Nigger," "Colored," or "Spic." Would any of these people feel those words explain who they are?

My dictionary hasn't any definitions for those words. Maybe there is one that collected those terms for people who need this information. Even most gay people don't use the word "queer." It still makes our hair stand on end. It is not a slang word for most of us; it is degrading. I'm sure most gay people would snap back, "I'm not queer, I am gay."

None of us want "old ways." They must crumble. Those ideas, thoughts, words must go. The phrases, "You don't look Jewish... Catholic... gay," No, no, no.

I am first of all a human being. I have the right to be one, regardless. I don't have to say or write, "My name is... and I am... gay, Jewish, Catholic, Irish," whatever.

When Brian walks in more paths, then he might understand. There are no more signs anymore, "Colored Only." "Those people"? It should be "we." President Clinton has put that feeling in us. We will go forward. None of us will go away. Our time is to be here, for the Almighty to say you have done your best, you have left your footprint in cement, not in sand, your time is up.

Roy
San Francisco

Word of Choice

I was mildly amused by your "Queer, The Choice of a New Generation" cover and the accompanying opinions, limited to those who agreed. We see the term "queer" laced throughout your issue's news items. It obviously is the word of choice with the *SF Bay Times*.

How did you ever miss out on "Faggot" or "Cocksucker"? And for those womenpersons who objected to "Queer" not being lesbian enough, there is always either "Dyke" or "Cunt." These terms all stem from the same school of thought. Whatever

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cover story

Going Ballistic: Hysteria Over Clinton's Lifting of Gay Ban Increases

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca



The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) does not want newly elected President Bill Clinton to issue the executive order lifting the ban on gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military right now.

NGLTF is supporting Clinton's new two-step process, which will be limited at first to a moratorium on investigations into queer military personnel and the sexual orientation question ("Are you a homo?") at induction centers. Later on, after meetings with Senate and Pentagon leaders, and allowing time for some of the current hysteria to die down, Clinton will issue the executive order dealing more extensively with ending discrimination against gays/lesbians/bisexuals. That order could address a myriad of concerns, including domestic partner benefits for service personnel and a code of behavior for gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military.

"Strategically, it's not the thing to do," says NGLTF Acting Director of Public Policy Marla Stevens, of the possible executive order. "We don't have the votes in Congress right now to uphold it."

"At the moment what we're trying to do is support Clinton in what he is doing right now," says Stevens.

REALITY CHECK

The controversy over the executive order has been growing steadily since November, when the former governor from Arkansas defeated incumbent president George Bush. During the election campaign, the lifting of the ban was a promise Clinton made with the greatest of ease over and over again to the queer community. If anyone suspected all hell would break loose at the Pentagon and in the halls of Congress, no one in the Clinton camp or the queer community mentioned it.

But after the election, when the reality of strong opposition from Congress and the Pentagon set in, Clinton began talking about turning the matter over to a committee or letting Defense Secretary Les Aspin come up with a plan for changing the anti-gay/lesbian policies of the military.

Many saw this as evidence the president was waffling on the issue. Adding fuel to this suspicion, there was even talk among Clinton aides of foregoing an executive order and instead directing the Pentagon to change its own policy. Gay/lesbian movement leaders were not pleased, because this move would undermine the president's campaign promise.

But during all the talk of compromise, perhaps Clinton saw the writing on the wall and realized that he couldn't just issue the order without losing what he set out to win in the first place.

Gregory King, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), says if Clinton had issued the order immediately after taking office, as he had promised, the battle would have been lost for the community.

"We wouldn't have gays and lesbians in the military now," King says. "We don't have the votes in the Senate."

Indeed, there are already threats of a Senate veto of the president's executive order. As of press time, King says the gay/lesbian/bisexual community can only count on 30 votes, which is only slightly more than half the 51 necessary to stay a veto.

Those 30 votes include California's two senators, Barbara Boxer—who sponsored the House resolution to overturn the ban against queers in the military—and newly elected member Dianne Feinstein, a former mayor of San Francisco.

King believes that the other votes can be secured—"if we work night and day." But he says the gay/lesbian/bisexual community nationwide must respond with letters and calls to members of Congress.

"We're hearing from senators that they're receiving 100 calls a day against the lifting of the ban in contrast to every one in favor," says King. Stevens says that her organization's sources believe the White House is being "beseiged" by the military version of a phone zap; even the wives of military brass are calling to express their horror at the thought of out gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military.

A Jan. 25 poll by a Washington, D.C., TV station showed that only 26 percent of those questioned favor Clinton's executive order. A *Newsweek* poll (Feb. 1 issue) found 53 percent against Clinton lifting the ban, though 72 percent think queers can serve honorably in the military.

The latest *New York Times*/CBS News poll found 42 percent favored "permitting homosexuals to serve in the military."

"We're sky-diving in the national polls," says King. "Our support is hemorrhaging. The community needs to respond."

As for Congress, an anti-gay/lesbian military move could come from arch-homophobe Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) even before this paper hits the streets. Stevens says that there are reports Helms plans to attach an anti-queer rider on the National Institutes of Health reauthorization bill on Jan. 28.

Whether that rider will stick strictly to the issue of gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military or go beyond it to attack a broader gay/lesbian rights agenda is unknown at press time.

Meanwhile, groups such as NGLTF and HRCF as well as out queer congressmembers Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both Democrats from Massachusetts, are "lobbying furiously" to support Clinton's order, according to Stevens.

Scary times are ahead. That's for sure.

THE OPPOSITION

Clinton is facing hysterical opposition against the lifting of the ban from many fronts. On the congressional front, for instance, Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana says he is putting together a coalition of senators who oppose the idea of out gays in the armed forces.

Coates—who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee—says, "I don't think the military is the place to try a social experiment."

On the military front, Gen. Colin Powell, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is so upset he is threatening to quit if the 50-year-old ban is lifted, according to a report in the latest issue of *Time*.

But a Powell spokesperson denies that report, confirming, however, that Powell is "very much opposed to lifting the ban."

Other military brass and veterans' groups have been outspoken in their opposition to the Clinton plan.

On the religious front, Operation Rescue, the notorious anti-abortion organization, has come out staunchly opposed to the lifting of the ban, as have other religious-right groups and individuals, including Pat Robertson's 700 Club and longtime homophobe Jerry Falwell.

But at least one of their major actions against Clinton fizzled bigtime. Operation Rescue's 100-city protest on Jan. 8 against Clinton's proposed order failed to attract more than a handful of protesters in only three or four locations. Here in San Francisco, pro-gay/lesbian forces appeared at an Operation Rescue rally that saw not one homophobe in attendance.

HEADING OFF THE REVOLT

On CBS' "Face the Nation," Aspin said he

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wants to head off a possible military "revolt" in the wake of the lifting of the ban. Said Aspin, "My argument to the military is sooner or later, the courts are going to come at you on this issue."

"You can object and stonewall," Aspin continued, "but one of these days we're going to have, like it happened in Canada, where the court suddenly comes in and says, 'You have to'—that this is unconstitutional."

Aspin also discussed his plan for the lifting of the ban, as outlined in a memo to Clinton that was leaked to the press. In the confidential memo, a copy of which the *New York Times* obtained and published on Jan. 24, Aspin advised the president that the majority of Congress as well as the Pentagon was opposed to the lifting of the ban. The new defense secretary urged the president to wait six months in order to consult with senior officers and senators and gain their support for a plan to end discrimination against queers in the armed forces.

The memo says the plan must end discrimination while maintaining "military morale and discipline" and be "defensible in Congress."

In speaking about the memo on "Face the Nation," Aspin reiterated that the votes in Congress are not in favor of the Clinton move. "And if you can't get Congress to agree on the outline of it, it isn't going to happen," Aspin said.

His message to Congress? "Don't vote on this thing now, don't derail this now. Give us a chance to work it out. You'll have a chance to come in six months to have a look at it."

Aspin wants Clinton to hold two special meetings: one with Pentagon officials; the other with key members of the Senate, including Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts (who is for the lifting of the ban) and Sam Nunn of Georgia (who is against the lifting of the ban). The meeting with Senate members would discuss "a strategy to prevent an early, unfavorable vote" in that legislative body. The one with the Pentagon officials is to calm their fears.

LESBIAN VETS

HRCF held a lesbian veterans lobbying day and press conference on Jan. 27 to build support for the lifting of the ban. The lobbyists were armed with a supportive statement from a long list of national women's groups, including the more conservative American Association of University Women and the American Nurses Association.

The statement from the women's groups says the antigay/lesbian policy of the military impacts more on lesbians than gay men. Stevens says, "women are three times more likely to be discharged than men." If a woman service member turns down the sexual advances of a man, she is likely to be accused of being a lesbian, Stevens adds.

"We're focusing on women in the military because so often in the discussion women are left out," says Stevens.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The bottom line for national gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders is simple: Clinton must do the right thing and lift the ban. Most are confident he will fulfill his promise to do just that.

"There can be no compromise on repealing the military ban," says Tanya Domi, director of NGLTF's civil rights project and military freedom initiative.

"We can talk about strategy, we can talk about timing," she continues. "We are willing to work with the military and the administration to ensure that a new policy is implemented in the most effective way for both the U.S. military and its gay and lesbian service members. But there can be no compromise on discrimination."

"I am guardedly optimistic," says King. "It all depends on our community. Clinton can't win this one alone."

While HRCF has sent out at least 45,000 speakout messages to Congress in support of Clinton's lifting of the ban, "the speakout messages can't compete with Robertson's 700 Club or the veterans groups or the Traditional Values Coalition. They're going ballistic on this issue."

Queer leaders are urging gays/lesbians/bisexuals to call the White House at (202) 456-1111, and to ask their families and friends to do the same. ✿

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Coppola's Kids:

Leading AIDS Researchers Gather at Project Inform Think Tank in Napa

by Tim Kingston



(L-r): Martin Delaney, Robert Schooley, Dr. David Baltimore, John Dwyer, M.D., Robert Gallo, M.D., Thomas Merigan, M.D. Photo by Jono Weiss

"This meeting is the kind of thing that should have been happening all along for the last decade," declared Dr. David Baltimore of New York's Rockefeller University at the second Immune Restoration Think Tank (IRTT). Project Inform sponsored this year's IRTT, held on Jan. 23-25 at Francis Ford Coppola's private estate in Napa Valley.

The weekend-long brainstorming session brought together over 30 of the world's top AIDS researchers, as well as about 20 observers and activists from ACT UP/Golden Gate and the New York-based Treatment Action Group. The meeting "helped focus our priorities and strategies," says Dr. Robert Gallo, of the National Cancer Institute. "It brought us into closer contact than most meetings ever achieved... [It] forced us to consider priorities in research, more than I have ever seen at any meeting."

Specifically, the assembled scientists were urged to come up with strategies to restore the immune system of people with late-stage AIDS and T-cell counts of less than 50. Martin Delaney, founding director of Project Inform, directed the researchers to focus on developing both short- and medium-term research to fight the AIDS pandemic. The conference included such world-class AIDS researchers as Dr. Gallo, Dr. Thomas Merigan of the Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Robert Schooley from the University of Colorado, Dr. Robert Redfield from the U.S. Army's Walter Reed Hospital and Dr. John Dwyer from Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney, Australia.

Dr. Schooley praised the conference as a timely step toward overcoming barriers to communication in AIDS research, which are born of the very "culture" in which scientists work. "We have people from government, from academia, people from industry. We don't talk together very well. We don't talk together very well even in academia... We tend to think about isolated projects that individual people are working on. But we don't think about the overall picture, and how to have resources flow in a rapid way."

After two days of intensive discussion among the attendees, Dr. Schooley said, "What was most instructive to me is the sense of what is possible in the next 36 months. If you look at the tools we have in our hands now [and] the therapeutic approaches that are coming along—if we can put the resources together in an organized way, we could see major changes in the way we approach advanced HIV disease."

CLINTON AND AIDS

The most immediate topic of conversation at Project Inform's post-IRTT press conference on Jan. 25 was not the conference itself. The assembled media were chomping at the bit to find out what AIDS researchers thought the Clinton administration should do about the epidemic.

Dr. Gallo gave cautious support to the idea of an all-out Manhattan Project on AIDS, saying, "We are at a point where we can strategize and prioritize better than we have in the past." Dr. Gallo indicated that an AIDS research project must not be at the expense of other research, adding, "If there is a special effort, it has to be defined carefully."

Dr. Baltimore stressed that the current "pluralistic" and unfocused "strategy" of AIDS study is fine for basic medical research, but it is not suited to developing the kind of focused approach needed to effectively fight AIDS. Dr. Baltimore said, "There should be somebody who can say, 'Well, there is a hole in this puzzle that needs filling,' and go out and find the very best people who could contribute to plugging it. That is an authority that, as far as I can tell, nobody has in the federal government."

Although Dr. Baltimore shied away from using the word "czar," saying it has negative connotations, he did emphasize the need for a strong individual to head the AIDS research program. "The notion of a czar or a Manhattan Project is just a convenient word for saying that we ought to be looking at this in a different way."

Dr. Merigan all but endorsed AIDS activist demands to reform the organizational structure of the National Institutes of Health, with nary a dissenting voice from the other researchers present. There is "a focus on changing the office of AIDS so it has more broad control over all studies in AIDS and immune systems at the National Institutes of Health. I am seeing a focus on expanding the money back to the original funds that Dr. Fauci asked for this year. And I am also seeing that we are facing a decaying infrastructure within biomedical sciences.... [This] has to be countered by putting some of the money from the defense effort into biomedical research."

Dr. Merigan's current statements backing AIDS activists are in contrast to his views in the past, where he opposed activist critiques of researchers. Now, he happily describes the leadership offered by the IRTT as the natural result of the "maturation of a relationship between activists and investigators," rather than resulting from any federal leadership in the field.

Unfortunately, no Clinton administration officials were present. Neither Bob Hattoy, President Clinton's transition team pointperson on AIDS, nor Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, were able to attend.

LUXURY AND LEADERSHIP AT THE GODFATHER'S ESTATE

What made the IRTT unique among conferences was not only the lush setting, but the purpose. Those attending represented every field of research in AIDS. Virologists rubbed shoulders with immunologists; immunologists chatted amiably with government officials; government officials cordially negotiated with activists—all in an unusually friendly spirit of cooperation.

"We usually spend time at meetings reviewing data," said Dr. Merigan. "I think this time we had a chance to meet and synthesize some things in the long term."

The location was certainly an added bonus. Only true Philistines could fail to have their hackles smoothed at Coppola's country retreat, surrounded by the owner's private vineyard, in the verdant Napa Valley. Indeed, many of the conference's meetings were held on a soundstage nestled discreetly in a valley behind Coppola's Victorian manse. (We can expect to see some of the researchers' discussions appear in Coppola's work-in-progress about the AIDS pandemic.)

The environment set the tone for the conference. According to ACT UP/GG's Todd Kooyers—one of the conference's observers—scientists who insisted on fanning the flames of rivalry were immediately reprimanded by colleagues and told that cooperation, not contention, was the watchword for the weekend.

The meeting was broken into two groups, each tackling a different goal: What should be done in the next 12 months on an emergency basis; and what can be done in the medium-term during the next three years, specifically regarding those with severely compromised immune systems.

In the first group, Dr. Baltimore vaguely refer-

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red to promising drug combinations coming along that hopefully will be able to stop the progression of HIV infection. "If that can be done, we then focus our attention on immune reconstitution. It may be that if we can simply stop the progression of the virus, immune reconstitution would happen on its own."

Project Inform's Delaney said that much of the researchers' attention was focused on direct reconstitution, and on the need to try both "adoptive and allogenic" cell transfers (i.e., taking healthy and effective immune cells and giving them to PWAs).

Delaney also said that the group discussed a type of immune restoration that would potentially expand both CD4 and CD8 killer cells, which are the body's main defenses against HIV. According to Project Inform's Jesse Dobson, this research effort would include the creation of CD8 transfer factors. It is known that if a supernatent—a soluble protein from CD8 cells—is presented to infected CD4 cells, then further infection is prevented. But so far, all efforts to purify this substance have failed. Instead, Dobson says discussion focused on ways to obtain the unpurified solution, containing the supernatent, from individuals.

The second group focused less on immediate care and more on development of medium-term research. Dr. Gallo spoke to the "urgent need for more clinical and basic lab research on the thymus gland, on stem cell isolation and transplantation, and on thymus gland transplantation to restore the immune system." He also mentioned that with Clinton's approval of research on fetal tissue, "a lot of new possibilities are opened up."

Dr. Gallo listed three avenues of research which he felt deserved special attention in the coming years: further anti-viral drugs, molecular therapies targeting specific viral genetic sequences, and gene therapy. Dr. Gallo believes that new combination therapies will go forward. "Yes, they will be better than AZT. This will occur; this has a momentum of its own and will be targeting enzymes of the virus—not just reverse transcriptase, but integrease, protease, etc. [These developments are] coming from companies and are going forward and will occur."

Molecular strategies are seen by Dr. Gallo as particularly hopeful, in that they "are really going for specific genetic sequences to target the virus." Dr. Gallo says his laboratory already has three separate agreements with pharmaceutical firms to investigate molecular anti-HIV strategies. Dr. Gallo specifies that one type of molecular strategy, antisense therapy, will be going forward in human testing this year—despite earlier fears that not enough of the product can be made or introduced into cells. "1993 will see the first antisense in AIDS go forward. I am reasonably optimistic that the first ones are nowhere near as good as the ones we see coming now."

Finally, Dr. Gallo discussed gene therapy as an antiviral approach. "Gene therapy can put a decoy in the virus. It can put in a mutant of the viral gene, which competes with the regular virus so it can't make a virus. You can do it so only an infected cell will make these sequences expressed."

Dr. John Dwyer was also enthusiastic about the conference, saying, "The cross-fertilization at a meeting like this, the excitement of being with colleagues, all of whom have something to contribute, I find most stimulating. Good things will come out of this approach to science... The collaborative effort that we are seeing here this weekend, if expanded and controlled, would see a rapid progress and a very cost-effective program."

Dwyer also sounded a warning note, saying that if the pharmaceutical industry and the government don't respond with an equally collaborative spirit to accelerate AIDS research, then much of what was discussed at IRTT "will not come to fruition."

Dr. Schooley says, "This is not a time for pessimism. This is the time for optimism... This is the time to put the pedal to the metal and really use all these tools in as innovative and imaginative ways as we can, removing the barriers that have slowed us down in the past." ✿

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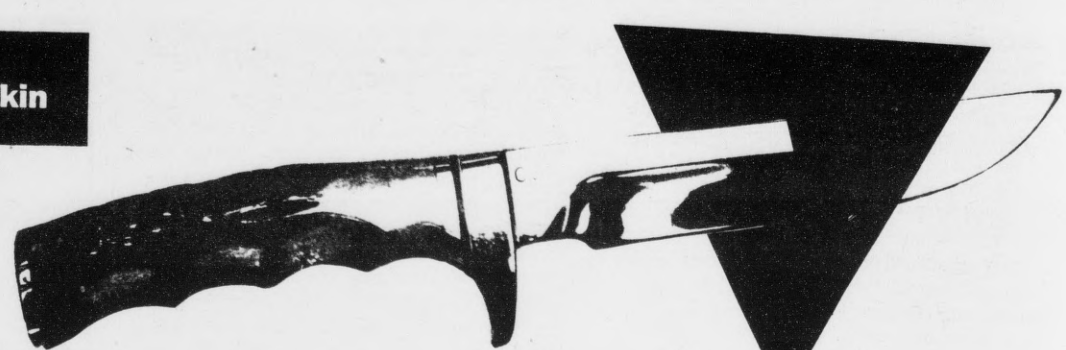
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The Real World: Anatomy of a Gay-Bashing



by Louise Rafkin

"Gay people deserve what they get."
—Dave, a San Clemente High School Junior

Several weeks ago I visited my mother's house in Southern California. Although San Clemente is now a medium-sized beach town, my neighborhood is much the same as when I grew up. The same folks live next door, across the street and up the alley. Their kids and I visit, and most of these contemporaries now have kids themselves. We walk on the long stretch of still gorgeous beach, drink coffee in the new slightly trendy cafe, and always play Pictionary on Christmas night. Most—no, all—of these people know I'm queer and if it upsets them I can't tell. I am always welcomed, hugged, cared about. It's a small, friendly community. An anomaly in today's world of stranger neighbors. And I am always happy to go home and make the rounds of the old neighborhood.

So I drove down from San Francisco on one of those days when most of the roads were closed due to weather conditions. I was stuck just outside L.A., but eventually, having veered miles westward, I arrived at my mother's after a mere 18 hours of travel. My mother roused herself from sleep, kissed me hello and goodnight, and I ventured into the kitchen for an evening snack.

There on the breakfast counter sat a stack of carefully clipped newspaper articles: "San Clemente High School Student Charged in Beating"; "Police Say Beating Was a Hate Crime"; "Police Arrest Two Others in Beating."

I sat up till 2 am reading the details of what I could immediately tell was a gay bashing. And the details were plain, telling and cold. I felt numb. I sipped my tea and listened to the faint freeway noise, the only intrusion on the small town silence. I'm no stranger to gay bashings; as a teacher of self-defense, I am constantly in touch with the real world. I just didn't think the real world was so close to home....

A 55-year-old Vietnamese immigrant was beaten so badly that the hospital staff could not determine his features. They could not even determine his race. Members of his family could not positively identify him. The 5'4", 120-pound man is now in serious, but stable condition.

And the story: A group of teenagers, two carloads, set off from San Clemente to nearby Laguna Beach one weekend night in search of trouble. Trouble is the label they gave to Loc Minh Truong who that Saturday night—the night of a full moon—was on the beach in front of the Little Shrimp, a noted gay bar.

Jeff Raines, the ringleader, a 6'2", 200 pound, ex-football player, apparently confronted Truong with the original, "You faggot, we're going to get you," and then proceeded to smash Truong's face against the rocky shore, and pummel him with his fists and feet. One of the witnesses—can you really call a bystander at such an event a *witness?*—said that he thought even though it looked like the guy had already died, Jeff just kept on going. A sordid Energizer advertisement.

I read all the clippings, those from the local conservative rags and some from the *Los Angeles Times*. One provided a full-color photo of Raines, handcuffed and behind bars at the county jail. He is chubby and full-lipped, and his muffled hair and beefy neck make him seem like any school kid, too big for his britches, but not yet a man. You know the type. His head is dipped, his vacant eyes tilted up, like a puppy just scolded. At 18, he now faces a sentence of up to 15 years.

I slept soundly that first night at my mom's, back in the red, white and blue bedroom where I once threw tea parties for my Winnie the Pooh.

And the next morning I felt confused. I called an old friend, an ex-teacher of mine now on staff at the high school. "I know why you're calling," he said right off. "And I think it's sick. It's awful."

"But what do the students think? Are they outraged? Shocked? What?"

"Louise, I don't know. Some think it sucks, others think the guy was just out for a good time. Ask them yourself."

So at lunchtime I headed over to Senor Taco's. It's a five-minute walk from my mother's house. In my youth it was a crummy donut shop. It's been remodeled in that particular taco-orange tile and stucco style of "architecture" so popular in SoCal.

For my stint as a reporter, I donned a blazer, clean jeans and my cowboy boots. I approached the first table of pimply-faced teens with some trepidation. There were seven of them. I felt as though my inch-long hair was a sure giveaway. I didn't want to fight with them, just gather their responses. Play that professional role of non-partial interviewer....

"What do I think?" said Sterling, a nice enough looking kid, with dark curly hair, baggy pants, sweatshirted. "I think Jeff's a nice guy. He's cool. I think that guy said something to him and made him mad. That guy started it, I bet."

"I think they're giving this too much publicity," said Nathan, his dirty brown hair moussed up in all directions. "People get beat up all the time. So what if this guy was gay."

This prompted a short digression: some of the papers said that Truong wasn't gay, some said he was. His family said they didn't think he was... surprise, surprise.

"Gays should be able to fight like anyone else," Dave said. Dave had been my hope. His inch-long hair was bleached a bright white, his ripped plaid shirt made me think—erroneously—he was perhaps a rainbow youth, a grunger, even a second-wave hippie.

"I fucking hate gays. Gays deserve what they get," he said.

I scribbled. I struggled to keep calm. I desperately wanted to hit him. I thought: Bigoted youths deserve what they get.

The lone female in the group dissented. Her plaintive, thin voice trailed behind the group as they headed to their car, lunch period almost over. "I don't think it's right that someone gets beat up just because...."

I ordered a coke and sat there, my stomach a boiling cauldron. I didn't want to talk to anymore kids. I wondered about my own time at San Clemente High. Sure, we knew that Laguna was where the gays were, and that the Little Shrimp was where they hung out, and many jokes were made. But I don't think—and I may be wrong—that any of my contemporaries would have beaten someone nearly to death for being queer.

I made myself talk to a few more students. A long-haired surfer dude, softspoken, a loner, said he had yet to look up Raines' picture in the yearbook. "Don't know the guy," he mumbled. "But he sure fucked his life now. Yeah, I think he deserves what he gets." I scratched away, thinking, "my kind of guy"... and then he added, "But I hate gays, too."

Angry and tired, I drove through town. Where had these kids learned this stuff? From each other? At home? I thought of going to the supermarket, asking the mothers and parents of these teens, "just what the fuck are you teaching your kids?" Instead, I circled home, got on the phone to the school principal.

"...Developing a cultural and ethnic awareness program, an understanding of human diversity..." he droned on, dithering all the right rhetoric. Were there assemblies planned? Curriculum additions? Would he like an ex-cheerleader, student body officer, now vehement queer to come talk to his student body? "Well, there aren't yet plans for such events." (I am told in confidence that the conservative parents wouldn't accept such programs. So they'd rather visit their kids in prison?)

Yes, I said to the still-droning principal, a man of good intentions, I could tell, of course it's a *community* problem. But how is the community responding?

The mayor didn't return my calls. While San Clemente remained silent on the issue, Laguna, which has gay city officials, has already started to implement self-defense programs for gays, group therapy for its gay community, and an educational series in the schools, including lectures and talk-backs by gays, lesbians and parents of both. Hooray for Laguna. But the problem wasn't in Laguna, I thought, the problem came from San Clemente. In two carloads of teens.

Perhaps this won't hit the rest of you so hard. You've been bashed, or know someone who has. But finding the roots of hate so deep in the place I've called home was painful. Driving around later that day, I saw mostly white families on their way to the 7-Eleven, and couples heading home from the golf course, and children on their expensive thrasher bikes. I felt a little unsafe, and I kept thinking: These are the people who hate me?

And then last night I dreamt that a young blond, long-haired boy broke into my mother's house and tried to rape me. I fought him off, and subdued him, but though I called the cops over and over, they never came.

Oh yes, that reminds me: One of the arrested youths had been a San Clemente Junior Police Scout. ✿

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I spent my Christmas holidays in England and Portugal. The latter hardly bears mentioning: The Algarve, where my family vacationed, is overdeveloped, touristy and picturesque only in the most nauseating way. But I *did* have fun in the U.K. In fact, I have a bunch of snapshots of my trip I'd love to show you.

Hey, wait—where ya going?

FISHNETS, HEELS: A THEORY

The thing I love about the English is their unfailing quotidian politeness. They say "Sorry" at the drop of a bowler, and they thank you for anything. One day, while my sister and I trundled around shops in Oxford, the university town about an hour north of London, we competed to see how many "thank yous" we could elicit from cashiers and shopkeepers. Our record was six in a single transaction.

It's kind of like being in the American South: same friendliness, different accent. Of course, the South is mysterious, expansive, sensual; England is obvious, pinched, ascetic. Not to say that England isn't sexy; to me, it is—*very*. But it's not the lubricious eroticism you find in warm, wet and muggy regions like the South; it's the bridled virility of the repressed, the kind that waits and waits, then bursts uncontrollably at the last minute. The kind attended by shame and embarrassment. Which, I suppose, is why so many straight English guys are into secret cross-dressing.

YOU *LIKE* THEM BONES, DONCHA!

Not to say the gay scene isn't flourishing. My London friend James, a stone-cutting apprentice and cinema service clerk, shepherded me around gay pubs such as the Angel and the Edward in Islington, and the Old Compton in Soho. Pubs in Britain—especially gay ones—provide a welcome relief from American bars: they're more intimate and less attitudinous. Then again, they can also be completely alcoholic: Patrons drink hard in anticipation of the legislated 11 pm closing time. The Two Brewers, in Clapham Commons, is another reminder of the American South: It features drag shows on a small stage and—according to James—a charmingly provincial (and sexist) attitude.

Clubwise, "FF" is a Sunday night extravaganza at the Farringdon club Turnmills; it's run by folks from the same-named queer 'zine (a distant cousin of SF's *Odyssey*). It gathered a Uranus-like crowd of young "new clones" and Ecstasy whiz kids, all dancing to relentless techno. Boys (and some girls) shimmied everywhere: on the dance floor, by the bar, in the hallways. It was one big, sweaty, undulating mass. Shirtless guys—English, European—showed that, though American porn's big over there (guys reportedly like to pillow-talk in American accents), the *uber*-pumped gym-nasty body hasn't caught on. Most guys were slender, unremarkable—and all the more attractive for it.

A handful danced with mineral water bottles jutting from jean back pockets. Apparently, some clubs remove taps from bathroom water spigots, forcing penny-pinching X-heads to purchase the overpriced water. This has led to a number of OD's due to X-heads in rave wear (especially body-heat-clamping wool caps) overheating to the pass-out point.

Can you say, "Party till you melt"?

HE SAW PETER, THEN CAME

One Saturday night, James took me to Slimelight, in Islington. "It's the last bastion of goth," he said cryptically. Indeed, the entrance was down a dark, rainy street; through a door, up some dank stairs and into a booming room we went. Industrial tunes blasted as skate punks, longhairs and "rock chicks" grooved. A bar served Coke and mineral water. Up another dank staircase (the building was an abandoned warehouse) was the treasure trove: a small room painted black, with low couches and pillows strewn around the periphery, muffled with dry ice fog and Christmas tinsel looped ironically around exposed ceiling pipes. The red "Exit" glowing in the gloom was anomalous, if not outright redundant. The music was strictly 1983, as was the look: hugely high-sprayed black hair (for boys and girls), tight black leggings, velvet, eyeliner (for boys and girls). So were the drugs: Speed and heroin were apparently big, especially among foreign visitors (Italy is suffering a huge heroin scourge just now).

It was like discovering a lost tribe, with its own traditions and rituals. The goths danced in arcane Elizabethan patterns: step, step, duck, step, step. The place reeked of Catholic revenge: There's no hell without intimations of heaven, and the imagery—darkness, vampirism, even slung crosses—hinted at childhoods unwillingly spent in a confessional. The sex, apparently, is Catholic, too. "Goth boys are bloody useless in bed," a woman friend of James's told me. "Either they can't get an erection, or it's over in a second. One boy I slept with couldn't get off unless he was staring at the Peter Murphy poster over my bed."

But imagery's just that: imagery. At one point, I pushed through the exit door, only to bump into a ferocious biker type. I don't scare easily, but this guy was big-time spooky—until he spoke. "So sorry," he said, Englishly.

CRAFT WORK: A MATTER O'TOOLE'S

The vampires for whom *I've* always had a thing are middle-aged, drug-addled, alcoholic, cadaverous English superstars—like Keith Richards and Peter O'Toole. The former I missed by one night: He and his band, The X-Pensive Winos, played London's Town and Country Club the night I arrived. (Their Jan. 21 SF show, however, rocked *awfully* hard.)

The latter, on the other hand, I fortuitously caught in "Our Song," an absolutely hack play by an absolutely hack playwright, author and *Daily Mail* columnist Keith Waterhouse. O'Toole played a middle-aged, alcoholic, cadaverous English ad-man involved in a torrid affair with a woman half his age. "Predictable" doesn't begin to describe the play. But I'd scored a front-row seat, and therefore had the opportunity to study ol' Pete up close.

He was... well, middle-aged, alcoholic and cadaverous. (In addition to the fake champagne he and the others guzzled throughout, O'Toole occasionally took a pipes-clearing swig from a whiskey bottle stashed at the top of the stage.) He smoked a lot of cigarettes, and overacted with the same boozy charm that captured cult audiences for *The Stunt Man* and *My Favorite Year*. He acted *exactly* the same as when I saw him three years ago in the play *Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell*.

Peter O'Toole is a conservative in the non-political sense: He plays the same character over and over—and *over*—again. If you like that character, you love O'Toole. And there was no question, during the curtain calls, just who the diva was. O'Toole hung back a moment, then sauntered onstage to join his cohorts, and to suck in the applause with a smirkless, this-is-work-but-I-do-it-for-you-and-*damn-well*-thanks-very-much look.

What a (super) star.

BUT WHERE'S BRIAN'S SWIMMING POOL?

The closest I came to Keith Richards was having an afternoon coffee at Sticky Fingers Cafe, Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman's Kensington restaurant.

Make that *former* Stones bassist: He'd officially quit the band just three days before James and I stopped in at the chrome 'n' fern den. The place is chock-a-block with Stones memorabilia and reasonably priced merchandise. Sadly, the wait staff isn't particularly Stones-knowledgable, and the menu doesn't serve Goat's Head Soup. James and I decided song titles should be put to use at the bar: They ought to invent drinks called, say, "2,000 Light Years From Home," "In Another Land" (Wyman's *Satanic Majesties* song), "Lady Jane," etc. We felt, ultimately, that the place was faceless, plain, uninteresting and keen on making money.

In other words—*very* Bill Wyman.

DI HARD (TO CATCH)

Around the corner from Sticky Fingers, James and I popped into WH Smith, a chain bookstore/newsagents. When I flopped the Princess Di-cover *Vanity Fair* on the counter, the cashier said, "Oh, you just missed her—she was in here, with the boys, not ten minutes ago."

"What?" I practically shrieked. "Princess *Di*?"

"Yes indeed," she said.

"Well, were people agog?"

"Not really," she said, punching cash register keys. "People are used to her around here. She went that way," she added, waving her arm. "You might catch her if you hurry."

"I can't believe I missed her," I moaned. But I was consoled, English-style.

Said she: "I'm so very sorry."

Right—and thank *you* very much indeed.

Apropos nothing in the aforesaid, I'll mention that my pal, *SF Examiner* music critic Barry Walters, is presenting his Fabulous World of Queer Pop Video TONIGHT, ONE TIME ONLY, at the CASTRO THEATER. You'd do yourself a radical—indeed, perhaps irreversible—disservice were you to miss it. ✿

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Community, Mine

As Harry Britt passes from the SF Board of Supervisors and Roberta Achtenberg ponders what greater glory, other than symbolic, she may find in Washington, D.C., Carole Migden is still there, but people everywhere are talking about reinforcements. Who will take up the gauntlet and represent our community? I have an even better question. Who is that community, and who can provide leadership of such a diverse group? What do the closet queens in Pacific Heights who collect Meissen ware have in common with the homeless queers who wait endlessly in the St. Anthony's soup line?

FRIENDLY PLACES AND INTIMATE STRANGERS

Is our community really 50 or so old white men who own most of the bars, businesses and boy stables in town? Is it a park, a certain school yard, or a tract of trendy real estate? Is it the predominantly white male political activists scattered throughout a dozen or so major organizations, living from fundraiser to fundraiser, and cause celebre to cause passe? Is it the lesbian community, which exists for the most part separately from the men? Is it the AIDS activists who fight a lethal and overwhelming battle that has consumed and continues to consume our brightest people and our greatest energy? Is it the many people-of-color organizations struggling to maintain a forum for cultural identity and to co-exist with Eurocentric precepts? Where is the common denominator?

One of the common denominators is the need for equality of opportunity, self-sufficiency, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—the same as all other oppressed communities. *The same as all other American citizens*! We need it to be all right to be who we are, so that we can stop acting out because of who we are and who they are. The unending process of self-validation consumes energy we could be spending on greater self-sufficiency. This entire notion of difference being the basis or test for inferiority/superiority will be our downfall. Isn't it amazing how we continue to growl at each other like so many stray dogs over the same bone while someone else is enjoying the filet?

Our community is diverse politically, culturally, economically. Frankly, a lot of us don't care for each other, as politically incorrect as that may be. We have a lot of internalized anger that we vent on each other. I am not referring to a bad mood. I mean the need to be better than someone in a demonstrative way, shutting each other down, not being supportive. We give ourselves serious attitude and shade about age, size, and other superficial criteria upon which we would not care to be likewise judged. But eventually we all are so judged and isolated because we do not meet someone's standard of sameness or beauty. What other community does that?

Our community is discouraged, and embattled from within and without. We are always ready to celebrate, but we have not bothered to form coalitions with other communities. We leave that to those in our gay community who are most visibly identifiable as members of other communities, with which they may actually have little or no association.

Some gay white men think gay liberation is all about them and gay white male problems. They do not get the connection between their oppression and someone else's. The white male grip on both our gay identity and our agenda through both the media and as spokes*men* for most of our national organizations contains and neutralizes a multicultural agenda and racial and gender parity, just as GWM acceptance into mainstream society is contained and neutralized by their professed or obvious sexual orientation. Nothing will change until we all learn how to deal with prejudices in our own community, learn how to respect ourselves and work with each other.

Our community is a curious hybrid without the cultural commonality other communities share. Although we have a history, we do not celebrate it in mainstream society's institutions. We do not have a common culture. We are not all Jewish or all Filipino. Except for some Native Americans, we are all refugees from families and/or communities which do not unconditionally love and accept our sexual orientation, our marriages, our dignity. Many of us are multi-oppressed. Some of us are wounded by the absence of that cultural validation, are emotionally damaged by the process of owning who we are and accepting an alternative lifestyle as "community."

Our community has been foremost in the news for reasons other than AIDS and homicide, for a change—Oregon, Colorado, the military, and our complicity in ending the Reagan-Bush era and bringing in the more favorable (to us) Clinton administration. We are seen as an evolving power. Mainstream culture routinely borrows from, and is greatly influenced by, our sensibilities. Yet being gay remains a stigma in mainstream society, and, sadly, still is as much of an ordeal as ever for many of our seniors and our youth. While many will not always agree with their methodology, our political activists have the courage to be the catalysts for change; to help raise awareness not only in the straight community but among queers who are less aware and less motivated in our own community.

POLITICAL FRIENDS AND FRIENDLY POLITICIANS

Our community is a hard friend to politicians, just as we can be to each other. Some of us do not seem to realize that no politician is completely on our side—not even those from our own ranks. We will not always agree, politicians and we. But some in our community will all but tar and feather those who oppose our wishes for the sin of representing other constituencies to whom they may also be beholden. Perhaps some of our anger comes from self-righteous indignation. Perhaps some comes from the rejection we each bear witness to from our cultural communities, and it finally is our turn to act out and punish the transgressors for not validating us.

All the politicians who have chosen to court our favor have taken their lumps along with their praise. We bury our supporters alongside our enemies. I believe our community's displeasure is more aptly focused on the corporate entities who pay the freight for the elections and who make decisions behind closed doors which impact on our future. Our community has an opportunity to influence public policy by not using products, by not using services, by not always being so predictable, by sometimes showing its appreciation for support or silence en masse. Corporate decision-makers understand loss of revenue much better than they do merit or sentiment.

The truth is, things are not all black and white, fish or fowl with anyone—especially with politicians and corporate leaders. Polarity between communities is unavoidable as long as we expect our political allies and friends to behave like our personal lobbyists for our cause at all times. Those who are multi-challenged by oppression will be torn by allegiances which go beyond gay rights. Obviously it is stupid to think that a gay represents all gays, a Black represents all Blacks, a woman represents all women. So why vote that way?

Isn't it amazing how we continue to growl at each other like so many stray dogs over the same bone while someone else is enjoying the filet?

Why not vote for those who best represent our worldview and the perspectives of our community? Hopefully in that representation we can target and support racial and gender diversity. The bottom line is: I would rather not have a Black or a gay or a woman if they are consistently not going to advocate for the many other classes that are oppressed, of which I am a member.

Fewer allies make whomever "us" is weaker. Absolute forbiddance against displeasing us prolongs our search for absolute devotion; challenges all allies to be perfect. Some whom we rail against will continue to make policy decisions which affect our community. Rather than creating cooperation or bringing about constructive dialogue, we sometimes create new enemies. Because our community is so diverse, our decisions as to who is a villain and who is a hero are more complex. We must reserve our strongest punishment for those who consistently show no support for our agenda and be measured and focused in meeting our objectives with the rest.

We need to focus and measure our anger; spend it wisely and creatively. We need to salvage and educate those who may not be malicious but also not all that we had hoped for, until someone more suitable is available. Meanwhile, we need to build our coalitions, educate other communities about our common oppression and seek out new opportunities to work together—even though individuals or subgroups may not agree on everything or pass the litmus test of political correctitude. *No single faction should be in charge of deciding everybody's mandate*. Frankly, we need each other's strength to share in putting out fires in which we all share some complicity.

There are times I am more Black than gay—and with no apology to anyone. There are times I find little solace in either community. There are many roles for me to play both inside and outside both communities. Life does not always present us with simplistic choices or reasons why. Sometimes the good guys are not all good and the bad guys are not all bad. The lesbian/gay/bisexual community may experience even greater "losses," as has the African-American community, as separate factions vie; as the strings are pulled to set us at odds in a much larger, ongoing, high-stakes game. Our community must learn to nurture and support rather than stifle the rich diversity which is ours, in our community. ✿

The Shortage That Snuck Up While Nobody Was Looking

by Tim Kingston

Supplies of sulfadiazine, a first-line treatment for toxoplasmosis, an AIDS-related opportunistic infection, are running grievously low in the United States due to a breakdown in communication between the federal government and the pharmaceutical industry. The sole U.S. manufacturer of sulfadiazine, Richland Laboratories, ceased production of the generic drug in mid-October, 1992, but no AIDS physicians, activists or federal officials noticed the impending shortage until hospital inventories of the drug began to dry up in mid-December.

"It happened real fast," says John Becher, chief of the Centers for Disease Control drugs service branch. The CDC responded on Dec. 18 by releasing a bulletin detailing the shortage. They recommended an alternative treatment combination, clindamycin and pyrimethamine, and also announced the availability of a small supply of sulfadiazine for patients unable to tolerate the alternative therapy.

According to Dr. Michael Clement, director of AIDS outpatient services at San Francisco General Hospital, some 5 percent of PWAs will need to be put on sulfadiazine treatment due to toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection. Dr. Clement says that for those individuals the drug is a lifelong maintenance therapy. However, due to the shortage, the CDC will only dole out a three-week supply of the drug for treatment, leaving out those on maintenance.

SF Bay Times ran checks on sulfadiazine supplies in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles. All the major New York hospitals are either out of the drug or are on the verge of running out. Derek Link, a researcher and editor with the PWA Health Group, says most pharmacies in Greenwich Village have no more sulfadiazine on hand. He says the PWA Health Group has moved quickly to forestall a major crisis by ordering emergency shipments from Great Britain and Germany. Sally Cooper, executive director of the PWA Health Group, confirms that the shipments have arrived.

At this time, the PWA Health Group is the only guaranteed source of sulfadiazine in the United States. Cooper says, "Most people don't know this problem exists." But she adds, "It will be hot in the next few days."

San Francisco is the least affected of the three major metropolitan areas. Supplies of the drug are sufficient at San Francisco General "for a couple of months." Mt. Zion, St. Francis and Kaiser Permanente Hospitals all report availability of the drug, but Davis Medical Center reports "zero" stock on hand.

In Los Angeles, the situation at the major AIDS treatment centers is mixed. The USC County Hospital pharmacy is flat out of the drug. Sherman Oaks Hospital's pharmacy reports only 200 tablets left. However, Century City Hospital recently ordered more supplies of the drug without difficulty.

Ironically enough, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is using a "treatment IND" (Investigational New Drug) procedure—a tool that AIDS activists pressured the government to adopt—to get emergency supplies of sulfadiazine into the country. FDA officials say the treatment IND allows the distribution of drugs within the United States that have not yet been approved by the FDA. This process will allow the FDA to import the drug from Canada until a new U.S. manufacturer can be approved. However, as *SF Bay Times* goes to press, the treatment IND has not been approved.

This is not the first time a supply crunch involving crucial drugs has occurred in the United States. Recent shortages have included the anti-tuberculosis drug INH, as well as streptomycin and nitroglycerin, which is used in heart treatment. An official with the FDA's anti-virals drug division says that in each case, "We had to search and scrounge to hunt up some drug. It is a crazy situation for a regulatory agency. We have no authority. We can just cajole [companies into producing the drug.]"

THE DISPUTE

The original cause of the sulfadiazine shortage appears to have been a dispute between the FDA and Richland Laboratories. Exactly what the dispute entailed is unclear because no one will specify. FDA officials typically do not discuss their regulatory activities in detail. Richard Weinberg, president of Richland Laboratories, would only say that the problem deals with the FDA being "unwilling to accept [our] validation protocols to make the product. Therefore, we stopped making it."

Weinberg also took sour potshots at the newly aggressive enforcement of FDA rules under Director David Kesseler. Weinberg says the shortages result from "overregulation and changes in interpretation." He also accused the FDA of "being supercritical of methods and practices that have been followed over long periods of time."

According to observers contacted by *SF Bay Times*, the reluctance of both parties to describe the dispute *probably* indicates an FDA enforcement action against Richland for violation of manufacturing or production standards.

Weinberg, though, says that he "hopes" Richland will be relicensed to produce sulfadiazine, but adds, "We have no direct control over the government or its policies." Richland may also be facing competition in its own field. A customer service representative for Lannett Company, a former manufacturer of the drug, says, "That product is not available. We are working on it [for] the near future." Further information was not available.

Cooper, of the PWA Health Group, says that such drug shortages are becoming an ongoing problem in all fields of medicine, particularly AIDS. "There does not exist any regulatory mechanism for this problem. The FDA did not fuck up... This is the result of having no AIDS policy in this country." Cooper argues that because the medical industry is strictly profit-driven, the needs of pharmaceutical companies, not the needs of patients, dominate drug supply.

"In this system there is no office saying there are 25 drugs we must have on hand for AIDS, heart disease and TB. That kind of vision does not exist because it is always felt that the market will serve the public concern, and that," says Cooper, "is short sighted."

For information on obtaining sulfadiazine call: PWA Health Group, (212) 255-0520 or CDC Division of Parasitic Diseases, (404) 488-4928. ✿

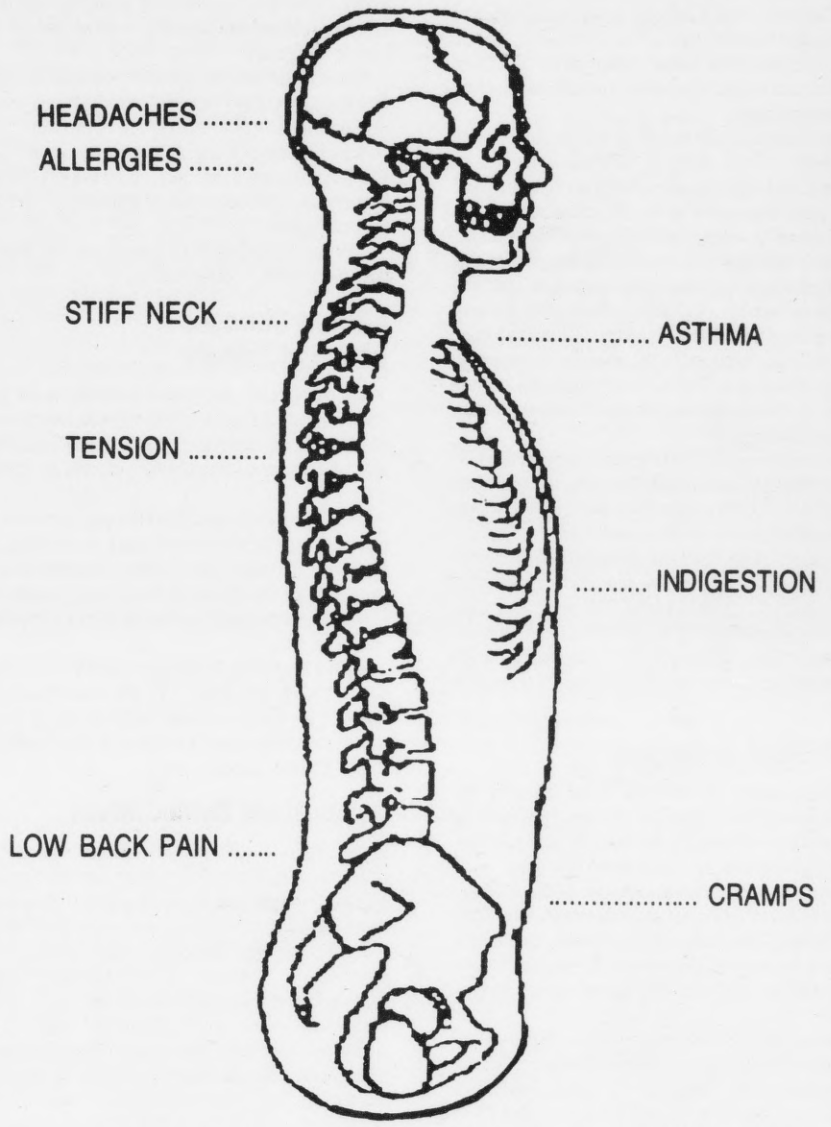
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Good News From Colorado: Injunction Against Amendment 2

DENVER - Finally, good news from Colorado. District Court Judge H. Jeffrey Bayless granted pro-queer forces an injunction against the enactment of Amendment 2 until its legality can be determined. His injunction stood despite the state's attempt to overturn it via the Colorado Supreme Court.

Amendment 2, the state's anti-gay initiative that would nix all existing gay/lesbian/bisexual rights laws, is being challenged by nine individual plantiffs as weil as the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the cities of Boulder, Aspen and Denver. The latter three cities all have gay/lesbian rights laws, which would be killed by the amendment.

Says Suzanne Goldberg, a staff attorney with Lambda, "This decision affirms what we've argued all along—the Constitution does not hand out rights according to sexual orientation."

Meanwhile, singer James Taylor, the American Library Association, the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc., and the 4,000-member American Mathematical Society have joined the official boycott against the state of Colorado, initiated in the wake of the passage of Amendment 2. Taylor was scheduled to perform at the Telluride Music Festival in San Miguel County.

Not honoring the boycott, however, is the National Brotherhood of Skiers, which represents Black skiers. The group plans to set up an Olympic training center in Colorado.

Finally, a candlelight march to undo Amendment 2 was held in Aspen at the Community Church on Jan. 23, drawing 200 people despite freezing temperatures. Speakers included out gay baseball figure Dave Pallone. Statements from Martina Navratilova and Goldie Hawn were also read.

Suit Filed in Oregon

SPRINGFIELD - A suit has been filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Oregon to overturn the Springfield anti-gay/lesbian rights initiative that passed last May.

Says David Fidanque, director of the ACLU, "We believe the charter amendment violates state and federal guarantees of equal protection under the law because it singles out Springfield's gay and lesbian residents for second-class citizenship."

Meanwhile, the sponsors of the Springfield measure, the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), announced the filing of 33 local initiatives throughout the state: eight in counties and 25 in cities. Seems you just can't get rid of a bad thing.

OCA failed to pass a statewide anti-gay/lesbian measure in November.

Boycott Idaho Potatoes?

BOISE - From the city that gave us the most notorious mass roundup of gay men in the '50s comes word that the Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA) plans to initiate an anti-gay/lesbian rights measure similiar to the one that failed in Oregon last fall.

Kelly Walton, chair of the ICA, says his 1994 ballot measure will nix the "inflammatory" lingo of the Oregon initiative while retaining its anti-queer flavor. "When you label a group as perverse and try to codify that, that's a move that will drive people apart rather than pull people together," he says. "I think people will be pleasantly surprised by the quality of the legislation."

But Brian Bergquist of the local gay/lesbian group Your Family, Friends and Neighbors, says the amendment stinks even with the "quality" lingo. "This is an example of taking an ugly thing nobody wanted and painting it up so people will buy it," he says.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Michael Simpson (R-Blackfoot) says he may introduce a constitutional amendment to stop the ICA measure. And on Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus decried attempts to import Oregon bigotry into his state, calling importers "the new carpetbaggers."

"We will point to those people and say it is not the Idaho way," says Andrus.

Clinton Changes Abortion Debate

WASHINGTON - With two strokes of his pen, newly installed President Bill Clinton has changed the face of the abortion debate in this country—after 12 years of Republican efforts to abolish choice.

Clinton recently rescinded the gag rule on abortions as well as the import alert on RU486, the French "abortion pill." Says Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, "We are witnessing the end of an era of medical McCarthyism."

As for the lifting of the alert on RU486, Smeal says, "Now the ball is in the manufacturer's court." Its manufacturer can now apply to the Food and Drug Administration to market the pill in the United States.

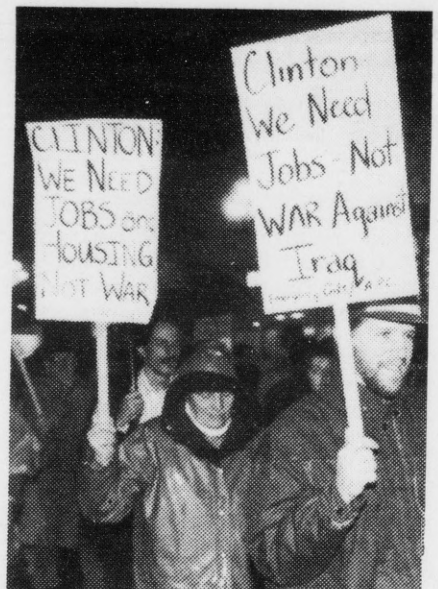
Dykes Have Dyke Sisters

CHICAGO - A recent study by two researchers at Northwest University found that lesbian and bisexual women are two-and-a-half to five times more likely to have a lesbian or bisexual sister.

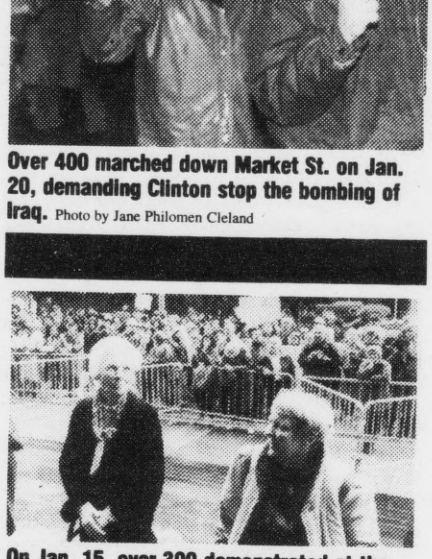
Says J. Michael Bailey, associate professor of psychology, "Female sexual orientation does seem to have a familial component to it." The study will appear in the February issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry. The same study found that lesbians are more likely to have gay brothers, but that difference wasn't very significant.

Montana Considers Nixing Sodomy Laws

HELENA - The governor of Montana, Marc Racicot, says he supports nixing the state's sodomy laws, because criminalizing queer sexual relations "deters accurate reporting and tracking" of AIDS.



Over 400 marched down Market St. on Jan. 20, demanding Clinton stop the bombing of Iraq. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



On Jan. 15, over 300 demonstrated at the Federal Bldg. against Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians from occupied territories.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

The State House is about to hear a bill that would eliminate the Montana sodomy law. Racicot is not in favor of this particular bill, however because it "infringes on the constitutional rights of homosexuals."

NGLTF Denounces FBI

WASHINGTON - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), while commending the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for collecting hate crimes statistics, denounced the outfit for its low figures on anti-gay/lesbian incidents.

NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director Martin Hiraga says that "until federal and local law enforcement agencies step up measures to count and counter all bias incidents, especially homophobic attacks, the national picture on hate crimes remains incomplete."

Of the 4,755 hate-related crimes reported in the FBI's latest national report, only 422 anti-gay/lesbian incidents were included. NGLTF's report on anti-gay/lesbian incidents, which covers only five American cities, includes 1,822 anti-queer crimes.

NGLTF Hires Nakagawa To Fight Right

WASHINGTON - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute has hired Oregon activist Scot Nakagawa to coordinate its "Fight the Right" campaign against what is expected to be an onslaught of Colorado-style anti-gay/lesbian initiatives.

States most frequently mentioned as possible right-wing targets for initiatives include Idaho, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, California, Maine, Georgia and Oregon.

Nakagawa will work out of a field office in Oregon. He will strategize with activists regarding right-wing anti-queer activities, promote positive media coverage, and travel to and work with communities facing initiatives. His employment is for six months right now, with an option to extend the position.



SF Tenants Union member Ted Gullicksen advocated for the homeless as part of a "Homes Not Jails" demo held on Jan. 20.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Alyson Books Goes Off the Market

BOSTON - Alyson Publications, the gay and lesbian publishing company that was put up for sale in May, has been taken off the market, according to Publisher Sasha Alyson.

While the company was pleased with the response to its intent to sell the business, "none of the parties offered the right combination of financial and management benefits," says Robert Riger, a representative of the firm.

Alyson will search for someone to take over his day-to-day duties, so he can be involved in setting the company's overall direction and editorial focus.

Spinsters to Move

SAN FRANCISCO - Spinsters Ink will move to Minneapolis in November. Purchased by lesbian/feminist philanthropist Joan Drury, the publishing house is described by many as the queer literary mecca.

Titles that have come from Spinsters in the past 14 years of its herstory include Audre Lorde's *The Cancer Journals* and *Lesbian Sex* by Joanne Loulan. While Spinsters has been having money problems, the primary reason for the sale is that its current owner, Sherry Thomas, decided to move on to other work.

Of Minneapolis, Drury says, "It's a wonderful writing community and feminist community, so it's a natural place to bring Spinsters."

Bits & Pieces

- Anthony Turney has been named the new executive director of the Names Project Foundation. Turney is a former deputy chair of the National Endowment for the Arts (1979-87). The Foundation raises funds for and awareness about AIDS and HIV, primarily through the display of the AIDS Quilt. Also recently hired was Jane L. Breyer as director of development.
- The San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the AIDS Service Providers Association have announced the formation of the Bay Area HIV Advocacy Network, an 11-county coalition of HIV service providers and other concerned individuals committed to grassroots advocacy on a broad range of HIV-related issues.
- The Human Rights Campaign Fund agrees with Texas Gov. Ann Richard's choice of Texas Railroad Commissioner Robert Krueger to fill the Senate seat left empty by the departure of Lloyd Bentsen. The organization says that Krueger is "an outspoken advocate of fairness for all Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation."
- Here's a laugh with your morning coffee: Mayor Frank M. Jordan has been appointed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to serve on two task forces—one on AIDS, the other on homelessness. After the appointments, Jordan asked the conference to convene two special meetings here in San Francisco to deal with the two concerns.
- The U.S. Prostitutes Collective made an appearance at a San Francisco Police Department press conference on Jan. 19 to protest the department's anti-prostitution operations. The group says street prostitution has increased with government cuts in welfare, housing and social services, forcing women into greater poverty and destitution.

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Community Leaders Confront Jordan on His Record

by Tim Kingston

The clock is ticking on just when the lesbian/gay/bisexual community will get entirely fed up with the Jordan administration. That is the message community leaders carried directly to Frank Jordan in a face-to-face meeting in the Mayor's office on Jan. 26. "Frankly, everyone is at the end of their string. There [are] a substantial number of people in the community who are extremely irate," declared Ann McCoy of the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance, normally one of the more placid gay/lesbian pressure groups around.

"The anger was present at the meeting. This is the last straw before the lesbian/gay community gets organized and gets involved in more drastic means of trying to create change," says McCoy, adding, "Whatever our problems are, [Jordan] has not addressed them....He continues to fail when it concerns our issues."

The 50 or so community activists and leaders who met with the Mayor drilled home the point that the lesbian/gay community is less than thrilled with the veto of Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's Bank of America resolution. Robert Barnes, former president of the Alice B. Tolkas Gay/Lesbian Democratic Club, says the Mayor just does not "get it." He adds, "The mayor gave a green light to discrimination, especially now with what is going on with gays in the military. There is a national debate going on, and we have the Mayor of San Francisco vetoing gay rights legislation!"

Another angry item on the meeting agenda was the fact that Jordan has made less lesbian and gay appointments to city commissions than former mayors Moscone, Feinstein or Agnos. That is noteworthy, given the Mayor's campaign promise to fill 20 percent of city commissions with lesbians and gays. Randy Miller of LAGADDA (Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action) says Jordan was reminded of that election promise, but, Miller says, "he tried to weasel out of it, saying, 'I can't give you an exact number'." More telling, says Robert Barnes, is the fact that out of the 120 staff members in the Mayor's office, there are only three out gays, lesbians or bisexuals.

Nor did the Mayor make any friends with his view on what to do with Achtenberg's soon-to-be empty seat on the Board of Supervisors. Ken Bukowski, president of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club for Gay/Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights, says Jordan asserted that the Latino and African-American community have also demanded the seat, "so he refused to commit to any specific community. We reminded him that our community covers all communities, and we hope for a progressive Latino person."

Bukowski added, "He did claim he will talk to us before he made the appointment, but we will see how far that goes." (Once again neither Supervisor Achtenberg nor her aides were invited to the meeting, as happened at the Jan. 12 meeting. See *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 14, 1992, "Community Leaders Discuss Achtenberg's Future.")

Jordan gave more encouraging signals regarding the homophobic Boy Scouts of America. "We want a Mayor that takes this issue out to the people. He agreed to do that," says Ken McPherson of Forgotten Scouts. He says Jordan appeared extremely amenable to providing leadership by writing the the U.S. Conference of Mayors denouncing Boy Scouts of America for homophobia. Jordon also agreed to order a thorough investigation of both the official and unofficial relationship between each city department and the Boy Scouts. "As I pointed out," says McPherson, "It would cost the Mayor nothing to implement."

Jordan also agreed to attend a community meeting in the Castro in March, and he appears ready to inaugurate monthly meetings with representatives of the gay/lesbian community that include the four major democratic clubs.

Jordan promised better communication with his office in response to community demands, along with more funding for the Prevention Point needle exchange group, the hiring of a new San Francisco health care lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and the restoration of $250,000 which was cut from the proposed $500,000 budget for LYRIC's gay/lesbian youth center. The lesbian/gay youth group recently found a permanent location for the center. Finally, the Mayor was implored not to cut women's health funding again in the coming round of budget negotiations. ✿

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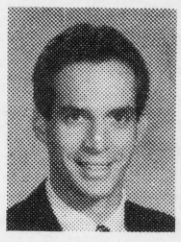


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ddI vs. AZT: New Results, No Press

by Larry Tate

For months AIDS researchers have eagerly awaited the results of a major clinical trial called ACTG 116A, comparing AZT with two different doses of ddI in volunteers with little or no previous antiviral treatment. Results were released on Dec. 30 by the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). This study had been expected to tell which of these FDA-approved drugs was better for "first-line" therapy—the drug given to people to begin treatment and continued, traditionally, until it becomes less effective. But the study gave a complex answer to this question, or perhaps answered a different question.

There has been little or no press coverage of the NIAID announcement. But ACTG 116A found major differences in survival and in disease progression depending on how the antivirals were used; as a result, this trial will influence thinking among patients, physicians and researchers for some time.

According to a NIAID statement, "the primary finding of the study was that the relative efficacy of ddI and AZT depends upon the duration of prior AZT therapy. Generally, AZT appeared to be more efficacious than ddI among patients who were AZT-naive at study entry, while ddI appeared more efficacious than AZT among those who were AZT-experienced, particularly those who had 8-16 weeks of prior AZT. This phenomenon was observed both for the primary endpoint of time to new AIDS-defining event or death, and the secondary endpoint of survival." The group with the best results of any in the study was the one that started ddI after 8-16 weeks of AZT use.

ACTG 116A clarifies and extends last year's results from ACTG 116B/117, which compared the same ddI doses to AZT in people with prior AZT use of at least 16 weeks (with a median duration of about one year). That study showed a clear advantage for ddI in delaying disease progression, and the current FDA labeling of ddI reflects that finding, recommending ddI after "prolonged" AZT use. However, the earlier study did not show a clear survival advantage for ddI.

THE TRIAL

ACTG 116A began in 1989 and ended in May 1992; volunteers were followed for a median of 85 weeks. The trial was conducted at 38 sites, mostly centers of the AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG). It included 617 people who either (1) had AIDS or advanced ARC and fewer than 300 T-helper cells, or (2) had asymptomatic HIV infection and fewer than 200 T-helper cells.

The volunteers were randomly assigned into three arms: ddI 500 mg per day, ddI 750 mg per day, or the standard dose of AZT. (The ddI was given in powder form; 500 mg of the powder equals 400 mg of the better-absorbed tablets, which are now most often used. The ddI doses "were reduced by one third for patients weighing less than 60 kg [132 pounds].")

Disease "progression" was defined, as in the earlier study, as either the occurrence of a new AIDS-defining event or death.

Among 380 people without prior AZT, 29 percent of those on 500 mg/day of ddI progressed to more serious illness or death; 31 percent progressed at 750 mg/day ddI; but only 18 percent of the AZT arm progressed, a statistically significant advantage for AZT.

Among the 119 people with some prior AZT use but no more than eight weeks, there was a small trend in favor of AZT, but it was not statistically significant.

However, among 118 people with 8-16 weeks of prior AZT use, one-year progression rates were 11 percent for 500 mg of AZT, 17 percent for 750 mg, but 33 percent with AZT—a statistically significant advantage for ddI.

In contrast to the results of the related study reported last year (ACTG 116B/117), the new survival statistics from ACTG 116A generally reflected progression statistics. For people with no prior AZT, AZT showed a clear advantage in survival; one-year death rates were 10 percent for 500 mg of ddI and 9 percent for 750 mg, but only 4 percent for AZT. For people with up to eight weeks of prior AZT, there was no significant difference in survival rates. But for people with eight to 16 weeks of prior AZT, ddI showed a clear survival advantage (one-year death rates 3 percent for 500 mg of ddI, and 2 percent for 750 mg, compared to 11 percent for AZT). [The small differences in survival rates between the two ddI doses are not statistically significant, and could easily have occurred by chance.]

The primary side effect of AZT was granulocytopenia (low white cell counts). Primary ddI side effects were pancreatitis and peripheral neuropathy. Two volunteers in the study died of pancreatitis; both were on the 750 mg ddI dose. The rate of pancreatitis at the lower ddI dose was 7 percent, compared to 4 percent among the volunteers originally assigned to AZT, a difference which was not statistically significant. This finding agrees with that of 116B/117, and should reduce the long-standing fear (based on reports from the early ddI expanded-access program) that pancreatitis is a likely result of ddI use.

ANALYSIS

The results of this study are surprising, and not easy to interpret. They will be much discussed and analyzed in the months to come. When ACTG 116A started, it was expected that people with no prior AZT and people with 16 weeks of prior AZT would turn out to respond about the same. The decisiveness of relatively small differences in prior AZT duration was not foreseen.

It seems puzzling that people starting therapy on the standard ddI dose will experience a 29 percent one-year progression rate, while giving peo-

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ple eight weeks of AZT before starting them on the same ddI dose will reduce that to 11 percent. The study seems to show that this short course of AZT before switching contributes dramatically to the subsequent efficacy of ddI and to the overall efficacy of therapy (the lowest progression rate on a single drug was 18 percent, in people who received only AZT), but it doesn't show why. There are speculations about intracellular mechanisms, but there is as yet no agreement on what they might be.

For people with longer-term AZT use (as in the study reported last year, 116B/117) it might be reasonable to suppose that AZT resistance contributes to the added efficacy of switching to ddI; however, in the short-term use allowed in 116A, it is unlikely that resistance is a significant factor.

Perhaps 116A does not really show what it seems to show. According to a NIAID summary, "The trial was not designed to test the hypothesis that switching to ddI after at least eight weeks of AZT is an appropriate monotherapy strategy for AZT-naive patients with advanced HIV infection. Although the data are consistent with this hypothesis, there are other possible explanations for the treatment differences observed in the group with 8-16 weeks of prior AZT. A particular concern is that this group may not be representative of all patients with 8-16 weeks of prior AZT, because many patients who felt they were benefiting from AZT may have elected not to enter ACTG 116A." But it is thought unlikely that this concern would account for the important differences that were seen.

There are other uncertainties which might have affected the results of the study: (1) A number of volunteers dropped out of the trial, possibly biasing it in some way; (2) There was a 20 percent crossover rate, which refers to people who started on one drug but then switched to the other after problems arose. (Under the "intent to treat" analysis used for this trial, they were counted in the final analysis as if they had stayed on the first drug, even though they actually switched. The reason for this seemingly bizarre procedure is that researchers often want to measure the effect of the decision to treat with one drug or the other (which may differ from the treatment that actually is delivered)—since only the decision is directly under the physician's and patient's control; (3) For a few months at the beginning of the study the AZT group was receiving the old dose of 1200 mg per day, which could have affected the side-effect rate for that group—a rate that was higher than the ddI rate and could have caused more people to switch to ddI than to AZT; (4) The differences in survival rates, NIAID cautions, may be affected by the lack of long-term follow-up for more people in the AZT group than in the ddI groups, since some deaths could have been missed; (5) The people in the AZT-naive group tended to start with lower T-helper counts than the people in the AZT-experienced groups, but AZT-experienced people more often had an AIDS diagnosis—two potential biases, but fortunately in the opposite direction; (6) The study was originally intended to be larger, but recruiting problems caused the 500 mg ddI arm to be closed prematurely, so that comparisons between that arm and the other two have, according to NIAID, "slightly reduced statistical power." It may not be possible to say if or how these and other factors affected the study's outcome.

On balance, however, the study results are more likely to be accepted as further confirmation of the broader trend in findings on HIV antiretrovirals; i.e., that no single drug, given for an indefinite period, is likely to be the most effective treatment strategy. The NIAID summary notes, "If a patient does switch from AZT to ddI, it is not known whether returning to AZT or remaining on ddI is more appropriate. Future trials will be required to assess the value of alternating regimens."

There have already been various small studies looking at alternating regimens, and the results suggest that future treatment strategies are likely to center not on alternating antiretrovirals but on combining them. A small study presented at last year's International AIDS Conference directly compared a group of volunteers alternating AZT and ddI to a group combining them, and found decisive superiority for the combination group.

A researcher involved in ACTG 116A says that, by showing the added value of using more than one drug, this study (116A) could be interpreted as providing further support for the idea of combination therapy. And a press statement from Burroughs-Wellcome (maker of AZT) notes, "The data from 116A must be placed in the perspective of the emerging consensus that combination therapy will play an increasingly critical role in the management of HIV disease."

Still, official recommendations favoring combination therapy will probably not come soon; and NIAID pointedly made no recommendations, on the basis of 116A, about switching from one drug to another after eight weeks. The clinician and patient, looking at the findings of 116A, may not know what guidance, if any, can be taken from it.

In the near future there may be a meeting of treatment experts to arrive at an interpretation of this study's findings. In case a consensus is reached that switching drugs after relatively short periods of first-line therapy is the best treatment strategy, every HIV doctor and most HIV patients would be directly affected. Not only clinical practice but some ongoing clinical trials would need to be rethought. Dr. Laurie Smaldone (a member of the study team) says, "This is a very important study and everyone recognizes it."

A spokesperson for Bristol-Myers (maker of ddI) says that, although timetables and details are undecided, the company will seek expanded FDA labeling for ddI based on 116A. The current labeling indicates switching to ddI after "prolonged" AZT use; eight weeks is far from a "prolonged" period.

In sum, a study that had been expected to tell which drug, AZT or ddI, is the better single-drug therapy may, instead, be providing further evidence that treatment with either single drug—particularly when continued indefinitely without switching drugs—is probably an idea whose time is passing.

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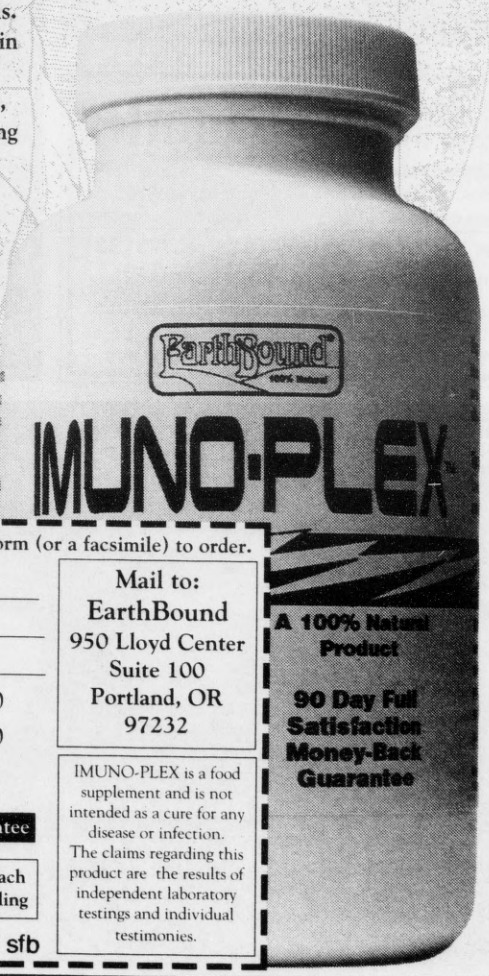
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became of gay women and gay men?

Aside from the miserable public relations of the term "Queer," the premise of your presentation divides us even more—into the younger and the older. Most homosexuals who lived through the closeted '40s and '50s, the homophobic '60s and '70s, and who sweated and worked to achieve what this Pepsi generation is now free to enjoy, still haven't completely embraced the G-word.

In the money world, "Queer" denotes counterfeit, phony or false. "Straight" as the antithesis of gay is just as bad, indicating that anyone who isn't "straight" is crooked or devious. The term is non-gay.

Words, along with thoughts, can shape and reshape history. In my opinion you are on very much the wrong track by loading all your articles with "Queer."

John H. Embry
San Francisco

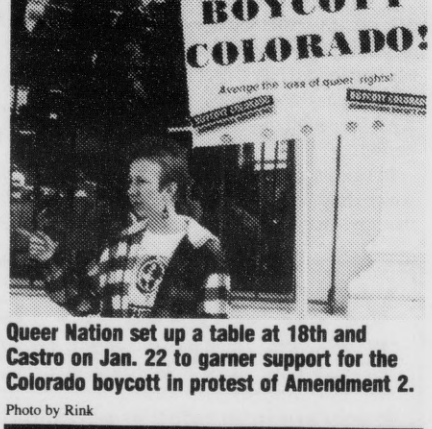
Generation Gap

There's no doubt about it now: There is a widening generation gap in the lesbian/gay/bisexual community. The ongoing debate over the use of the term "queer," as opposed to gay/lesbian/bisexual, is living proof of this.

It is clear that those who advocate "queer" are for the most part under 35 years of age, while those who vehemently oppose its use are for the most part over 35 years of age.

As a member of the over-35 "Stonewall Generation," who is of mixed Native American (Cherokee), African American and Irish descent, the word "queer" has always been, is now and will always be an insulting, homophobic epithet, and there's not a damn thing that the so-called "queer" nationalists can do to change my mind about it.

Of course, I've said this before and frankly I'm tired of sounding like a broken record. But yo,



Queer Nation set up a table at 18th and Castro on Jan. 22 to garner support for the Colorado boycott in protest of Amendment 2. Photo by Rink

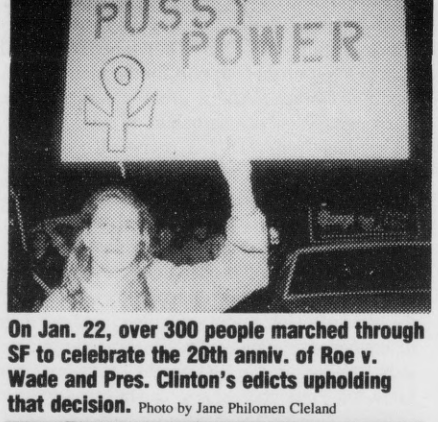
"queers," listen up! Not only am I far from alone in my opinion, but if any of you think that heterosexuals—who, after all, outnumber us by a nine-to-one ratio—will use "queer" for any reason other than a homophobic slur, then you've been living in the Pink Ghetto for far too long and are totally out of touch with the real world.

You say that by "taking back" the Q-word, we destroy its power to damage us psychologically and transform it into a source of pride. I say that notion is a dangerously self-destructive delusion.

Do you really think that those baseball-bat-wielding, homophobic thugs are going to stop screaming, "You fuckin' queer!" at you while they beat you to a pulp?

Do you really think that gay-hating preachers are going to stop saying, "Those abominable queers..." during their fire-and-brimstone sermons?

And do you actually believe that the mainstream media will ever replace "gay" with "queer" in their news coverage of our community?



On Jan. 22, over 300 people marched through SF to celebrate the 20th anniv. of Roe v. Wade and Pres. Clinton's edicts upholding that decision. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

If your answer to the above questions is "yes," then—to borrow an oft-used line from Ann Landers—I strongly urge you to seek counseling. No, I'm not kidding. At the very least, I recommend that you read *After the Ball,* the best-selling book by gay researchers Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen.

Kirk and Madsen's book not only lays bare the real nature of anti-gay hatred in this country, it also lays bare some unpleasant truths about ourselves that too many of us have been unwilling to face—and by not confronting those unpleasant truths and doing something about them, we are unwittingly feeding that anti-gay hatred.

The reality of "queer," as a permanently anti-gay epithet, just as "nigger" is a permanently anti-Black epithet, is just one of those unpleasant truths that the so-called "queer" nationalists refuse to face. In that regard, they're in the same boat with Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, who refuses to face the unpleasant truth of her racial insensitivity.

Rather than boycott this year's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration, I recommend carrying signs at the parade saying, "Proudly ... (fill in 'gay,' 'lesbian,' 'bisexual,' whatever), Not Queer!" to protest the "Year of the Queer" theme. The sight of thousands and thousands of those signs at the parade should send a clear message to the "queer" nationalists—and to everyone watching on television—that the Q-word is not universally shared by our community.

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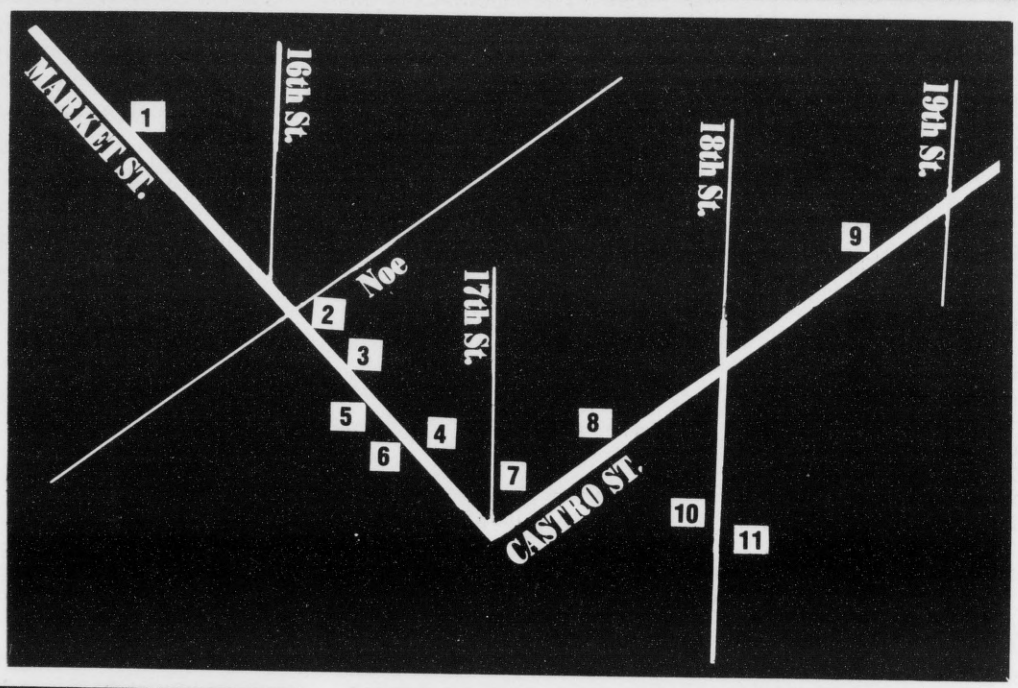
If a significant number of people say, "The word 'queer' does not speak for me," then proponents cannot, in all conscience, go around claiming that the word speaks for everybody. It may be fashionable, hip and, yes, it rhymes with lots of nice words like beer, fear, sear and steer, but it is no more universal than most of its predecessors. It isn't even the preferred word for the majority of the under-30 generation, unless the opinions of everyone else in the world outside of 94114 don't count.

More important than the actual word, however, is the behavior of some of those who insist that everyone embrace it to the exclusion of all other labels or identities. Threats and coercion do not belong in our community, but the manner in which "queer" is being shoved upon us has been remarkably less than democratic. Despite the fact that many hold painful memories of the label queer, dissent doesn't appear to be allowed, with those who prefer not to be identified as such being branded as reactionary old fogies, responsible somehow for all that is wrong with the community today. This new generation assumes we were too busy in the '70s lining up at Macy's to purchase sweaters to find time for the revolution—as if their piercings and tattoos were any cheaper.

The claim that co-opting the word "queer" from our oppressors gives them one less weapon to throw at us, by the way, doesn't seem to jibe with the statistics maintained by the National Gay and Les-

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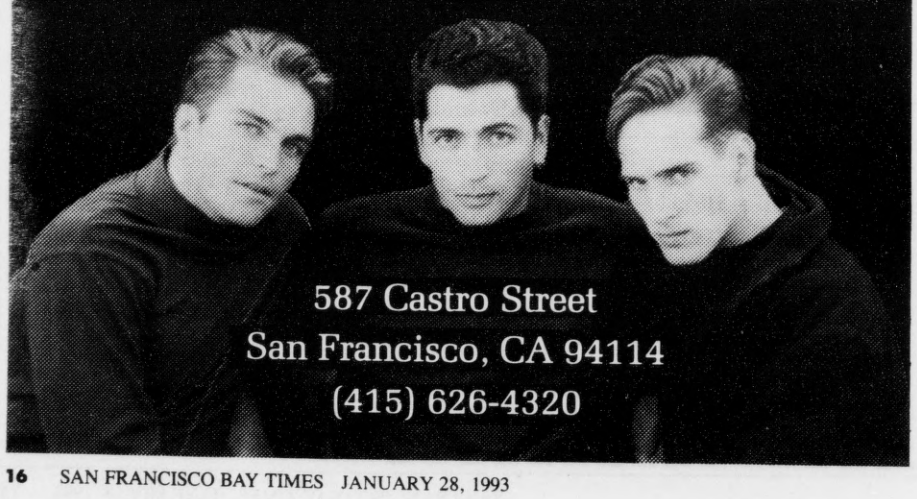
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There she goes—Miss America...in an ACT UP hat? Leanza Cornett presented a panel to the Names Project Foundation for inclusion in the AIDS Quilt, along with marching in the inaugural parade as a member of the Names Project. Her Miss America platform is "AIDS Affects All." Who would've thunk? Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

bian Task Force, either. No matter what we call ourselves, or what they call us, violence against us is growing at an alarming rate.

I am an African-born American of African descent. I am also Black. Being both Black *and* gay, I can call myself *miyate,* a Spanish derivative of the Nahuatl word *miyatl,* the name of a black beetle. In modern Mexico, it is used both as a word for Black people and as a derisive term for gays, although in the indigenous society from which it originated that was not necessarily the case. It fits the bill, then, as a label I can *reclaim* for use that "they" stole and I want back, unlike "nigger," which was never really "our" word but one thrown at us. Thus, "miyate" is tailored more to me than, say, "queer," which really doesn't make me feel bonded at all with *other* queers—each queer in their own little way. Even George Bush and William Dannemeyer are pretty queer when you think about it. In my Oxford American Dictionary one of the definitions of queer was "spoiled," and I have no doubt that for some in the community who have coerced everyone around them into exclusive use of the word, the shoe fits. While I will use the word "queer" when called for and when asked to, for now at least, call me *miyate.*

Mark Haile
Los Angeles

Not "Queer"

While I know I risk being called a "self-hating gay man" or a "closet case," I will not be attending the Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade this year in light of the current theme, "Year of the Queer."

No amount of revisionism is going to change the distaste I have for the word "queer." As a young boy I heard that word all too often. It was yelled at me on the playground, in the classroom and anywhere else my fellow "playmates" chose to say the word. Each time someone used that word they meant it to be demeaning and hateful. I heard it again in my senior year of high school when I decided to come out to my school counselor, and it was used by my math teacher, both people I had previously respected, which was why I had originally chosen to tell them I was gay. Never was that word used to denote anything positive. Instead it was used as a word that, in their mind, would relegate me to a species less than human.

I am *not* queer. I am normal and, if tomorrow, I choose to run down the middle of Market Street in a big floppy hat and a hoop skirt I will still be *normal.* You see, I choose to take the word *normal* away from the straight community and broaden the definition so that it encompasses my sexuality just as much as theirs. To me, choosing to be "queer" is to buy into what most straight people believe about us, that we are not like them. Instead, I strive to do what really pisses them off most and prove to them that we are just like them—normal. I am constantly confronting my conservative Orange County family with this very issue. These Dannemeyer supporters don't believe that anything we do is normal.

As I have read the letters to the editor over the past several weeks, the hurt I feel has grown because I believe I will be ostracized by some members of my own community. So many of those letters suggested that this should be the year to come together, yet they chose a deliberately divisive theme. I can be tolerant of those who want to call themselves "queer." What angers me is that they are not equally as tolerant of my preferences of how I wish to define myself. The parade should not come down to deciding who's right and who's wrong; we're both right, because what we choose for ourselves is what's "right" for us as individuals. But the parade has always been and should continue to be the time when we put our differences aside and accept each other as we are.

No, I will not be attending the parade this year. Instead I will attend Los Angeles' parade with my gay brother for the first time since I moved here in 1983. But the saddest thing is that too many of our "queer" activists are hoping that all who disagree with them will do just that and not come to *their* party.

Tony Travers
San Francisco

A Gay Sailor Murdered

The following letter was sent to President Bill Clinton, and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer:

Happy New Year! This is the year our nation begins to make some very positive changes with the finest elected national leadership we have seen in over a decade. Unfortunately, some very sad and disturbing events took place late last year, under a hateful, anti-gay Republican leadership, that have put a damper on our New Year joys.

I am referring to the Oct. 1992 murder of Petty Officer Allen Schindler—a gay sailor. He was assigned to the USS Belleauwood. During processing for discharge due to homosexuality, he was murdered by two shipmates just outside the U.S. Naval Base in Sasebo, Japan. PO Schindler had a very good record at his previous assignment on board the USS Midway, but he had trouble in what has been described as a living "hell" on board the USS Belleauwood.

I am a gay U.S. Naval Academy graduate (class of '83), and a former Marine Infantry Officer who understands the intricacies of military leadership. I believe that this killing is the tip of a much larger iceberg—lack of responsible leadership in the Naval Service. It has recently been discovered that *several* gay sailors on board the USS Belleauwood have requested discharges because they fear for their lives.

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BY JACK FERTIG

Brigid Over Troubled Waters

The Feast of Brigid, Feb. 2, celebrates a Celtic deity who governed fire, learning and strategy, sort of an Irish Athena. Like Athena, she adapted into a patriarchal pantheon and became recognized in the church as a saint. One story describes her as a simple Irish maid who heard the angels call and went to Bethlehem to wetnurse Jesus. As the Church Lady would say: Well! Isn't *that* a stretch!

In wiccan tradition this is a time for house cleaning, to get rid of old junk and open up opportunities for the future. That's properly Aquarian, and this holiday is the mid-point of Aquarius. More to the point, Mars is slowing down and about ready to turn direct. Brigid is a handy deity to have around at such times. Tempers are likely to be short, and things aren't working out as they *should*. For that matter, things have been a bit *verkackt* that way for several weeks. It's now the darkest before the dawn. Be careful with iron and fire, and invoke Brigid for learning and strategy. Or, if you're a Christian, the church recognizes St. Brigid as patron of nuns, newborns, dairy workers and chicken pluckers, so pray that she gets you through the last of this reverend mother plucking retrograde!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Things are getting a bit nasty at home, and your friends understand you better, but remember that their sympathy, however helpful, is based entirely on your side of the story. Their support should not be taken as testimony against other parties involved. Your domestic situation is likely to be irritating now, no matter what, so just try to be nice about it and focus instead on your long-range goals. Authority figures can be surprisingly helpful and sympathetic.

TAURUS: Everybody is being a little cranky these days. You're getting not just cranky but assertive, trying to be in charge. That looks like an attitude begging for disaster, and if you're not careful it will be. Actually, this is a good time to strategize quietly, to plan ways you can take charge. You'd do well to confer with trusted friends. Be open to adjustments in your plans. Without changes now, and more later, they're sure to fail. Easy does it and watch your mouth; you'll do fine.

GEMINI: This is a wonderful time to take on intellectual challenges, especially of a metaphysical sort. You could get into some wonderful—and hopefully friendly, constructive, principled—debates about religion and/or spirituality. Arguments over money are also mighty tempting, but those are just a distracting bother and won't be resolved this week. You will see financial problems that need adjustment so take time to deal with them, but keep in mind that they will need more work later. Do what needs doing, but don't get too wrapped up in it.

CANCER: One of the big secrets you never read in sun sign astrology books is that yours is the kinkiest of sun signs. A little experimentation will help keep you out of trouble now, and trouble is indeed a-knockin' at your door! You're just being real feisty and pushy right now—dissatisfied, frustrated. You need a release, something where you can be assertive and active. Pounding on walls is one possibility, being a raving bitch is another, focusing that energy into political action will backfire. Stick to kink; it's safe and fun.

LEO: Something's been bugging you these last few weeks. It's all internal, but it's creating problems in your relationships. You tend to think your partner is being overbearing and controlling, but the truth is, you're projecting. Your mate can actually be very helpful right now IF—a big *if* right now!—IF you are willing to take suggestions and make adjustments. Actually, right now it's best to look at problems and consider changes to be made, but you can hold off on actually making them. "Solutions" that arise now are helpful, but will have to be changed in the near future.

VIRGO: Right now you have some especially shrewd ideas about how to make your work more efficient. Creative notions are burbling up into your consciousness, and they may indeed be creative, but think carefully before you put those ideas into action. Friends and colleagues are resistant, so you may want to wait strategically for a few weeks before you push the issue. Nervous energy is running high in your system and could bring some health problems to the surface. Be very careful now with your skin: hives, herpes, and such are more than usually likely right now.

LIBRA: You're having a fit of creative outpouring lately. This is wonderful, dear, it really is, but your insistence on recognition is liable to get you into trouble. It's not that you don't deserve accolades, but we don't always get what we deserve, do we? Your uncharacteristic hunger for attention can get you into big trouble right now. It's good now to focus on career goals; actually to look at problems you can solve at a later date. Aside from identifying the problems, this really isn't a good time to worry about them. Indulge your hobbies at home. They will provide some satisfaction and perhaps some insight.

SCORPIO: Looking at your chart this week, I see Baby Jane singing about her letter to Daddy. But who's Blanche in your little drama? Leave her be; she actually has some very good advice for you. Domestic and family issues are up for you, especially as they relate to your family's religion. This is a good time to make up a list of all the things you hated about being dragged to church, *schule*, the mosque, those circles; or not getting to go at all. In a few weeks you may want to revisit the religion of your childhood to get a fresh, clear view, but right now it's a good time just spiritually to regurgitate the old poisons and clear them out.

SAGITTARIUS: Your sign is half human, half horse's ass. Guess which half is predominant nowadays? Back up, there. I think you got it. Your normal bent is to be very forthright. These days the planets are pushing you to be bossy, crude and arrogant. I know you don't mean to be harsh, darling, but do try to think carefully and consider the other person's feelings before you open your mouth. Usually you're such a dear you don't really have to, but now heaven help you! Some good loud sex with lots of dirty talk will help you get that energy out of your system. Or if you can play at a nasty, vicious shouting match with a friend who likes that sort of game. (Not me, horsebutt! I'm much too sweet and sensitive a Piscean! Pick on someone your own sign!)

CAPRICORN: This doesn't have to be a bad time for money, but if you involve anyone else in your financial dealings it will be a bad time. In a couple of weeks you can work out the problem; right now, just try to stay out of fights. Money is a big issue for you right now, and you're bound to worry about it no matter what. The trick is to realize that you're prone to worry and just let it go; or exaggerate your worry into a ridiculous caricature so you can have a good laugh and get over it. It will help to focus on your deeper values. Money is only a means to an end, a tool. What really matters in your life? If you take time to think seriously about it, the answers will surprise you.

AQUARIUS: Things are not working out at work. Of course, if you could do everything the way you wanted, wouldn't it all be wonderful? Probably not. Just breathe deeply and accept the fact that things need adjustment and that it will take another week or so just to get started. The best you can do now is to keep an eye on your own control issues and keep them out of the way. Impatience, fussing over details, correcting others' grammar are all signs that you need time alone to meditate. Yes, bubble baths are a form of meditation, but only when you're alone. *Happy Birthday: Z Budapest, Nina Glaser, Myrna Vladic and Jay Jacobs.*

PISCES: This is a good time to hide out, meditate, and play at anything that could pass for occupational therapy. You are having weird creative outbursts that are necessary for your own well-being—write, compose, paint, or whatever!—but this is to clear your own head. It may be inspired, but it's probably just therapeutic. Even if it is wonderful, it will improve with revision in two or three weeks. Friends are available and eager to help you through your odd moods now. It's good for you to talk with them and to let them help, but don't expect them to understand. They don't need to understand to help. ✿

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JAN 28 / T H U

Ageism Consciousness-Raising Group for women over 60, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 10 am every other Thurs thru 5/13. For location, reservations & other info call 626-7000 ext 135.

"Sex in the Forbidden Zone: When Men in Power Betray Women's Trust," a lecture by Rev Pamela Cooper White, director of the Center for Women & Religion at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, and Peter Rutter, MD, author of *Sex in the Forbidden Zone: When Men in Power—Therapists, Doctors, Clergy, Teachers & Others—Betray Women's Trust.* Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Frameline's Best-of-Fest Series at the Castro Theatre features "Lesbian Bloom," a night of popular lesbian films. See Cheryl Farthing's *Rosebud*, the first explicitly lesbian film made for government-funded British Film Institute, an erotic fantasy about a young woman's coming out; also Robert Smith's rural drama *Wildflowers*, about Sadie, a young woman from Glasgow visiting her boyfriend's home town who unwittingly uncovers his mother's secret—her attraction to women—and becomes more interested in her boyfriend's mother than in her boyfriend. Tix $6, available at door or in adv at A Different Light Bookstore on Castro St. Doors open at 5:45 pm, show starts at 6:15 pm. Info: 703-8650.

Video Night for Lesbians: 7 pm, Potrero Hill, SF location. Exciting thriller about a woman who goes from street hood to assassin for the French govt. Info/location: Tori 252-8351.

Vaginal Fisting for Beginners Class taught by Dr Bitch Sir & Carol Queen. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Teachers discuss preparation, techniques & emotional considerations that determine how satisfying a scene can be. Demonstration. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

Meet the Author Series at SFJCC: Alan Epstein, PhD, author of *How to be Happier Day by Day*, discusses how to make happiness a habit thru integrating work, relationships, family life & personal empowerment. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret: Show by Doug Sadownick, John Ellis & Matt Silverstein, queer Jewish performance artists from Los Angeles. An irreverent look at gay Jewish culture thru the eyes of three street-smart men, each of whom knows whereof he kvetches. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/31. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Women's Voices at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Local lesbian tomboy poet & fiction writer Nancy Boutilier reads from her first book of stories & poems, *According to Her Contours*. An evening of passion, politics & fun. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

***D'Cuckoo* Concert:** 8 pm at Great American Music Hall. Show includes new tunes, special guests and Rev. 3 of the interactive D'Cuckoo MidiBall. Tix $10. Info/res: (510) 652-4420.

Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sand & the Gefilte Fish Heads. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Frameline's Best of Fest series at the Castro Theatre features *Barry Walters' Fabulous World of Queer Pop Video*; a full-length program of surprising video clips, catty comments & socio-political deconstruction. Topics covered include gay sensibility, AIDS themes, gender-play, camp, pop's lesbian makeovers, and more. See Adam Ant's "Prince Charming", Andy Warhol's only pop video, Whitney Houston's tell-tale signs, Depeche Mode's dance moves, Elton John dishing Freddie Mercury, Melissa Etheridge's lesbian utopia, Olivia Newton-John getting "Physical" and a very special tribute to George Michael, among other treats. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 8:30. Tix $7. Adv tix available at A Different Light Bookstore. Info: 703-8650.

Off the Wire: Series produced by ATA, Cityvisions Cable Channel 25 and the SF Community Television Corporation shines the spotlight on 3 more choice cuts of public access prime rib. See *Dada Ras Cathode Salid*, an eclectic forum for video submissions from artists; *Are We On?*, a comedy that defies definition & good taste; and *Potpourri*—a little bit of everything, with a heavy dose of music from some of SF's best bands. 8:30 pm, free. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

JAN 29 / F R I

Bi-Friendly Trip to Tahoe: 3 days (thru 1/31) of fun—skiing, casino-hopping, etc. Estimated cost: $75-100 for the whole weekend. Only a handful of spaces left, call Bill (510) 540-0869) for info.

1993 SF Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions at McKenna Theatre, SF State University 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Event features 110 groups and soloists auditioning over a 3 day period. Auditions are open to the public, admission per session is $2. Program listing available at door. Schedule: 5-10 pm tonight, 9:30 am-6 pm 1/30, 9:30 am-6 pm 1/31.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Programming Open House: 6-8 pm at Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Collingwood Street btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Find out about the Center's new activities for gay youth (outdoor adventure programs, vocational & job training experience, support groups, afterschool & cultural activities, and more). Info: Michael Powers 554-9528 or LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) Director Dan Barutta 703-6150.

Women's Country Western Classes & Dance: 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay tonight & 2/5. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

"Haiti: Will Democracy be Restored?" a talk by a speaker from the Bay Area Haitian-American Council. Also see video, *Haiti: Killing the Dream*. 7:30 pm, $3-5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Childcare available. Spons by the Bay Area Pledge of Resistance. For more info or to reserve childcare call (510) 655-1177. WA.

"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret. Hot, steamy & funny show—three queer Jewish men explore being twice blessed & cursed. Plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/31. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Over Our Heads: Hilarious all-woman improv comedy troupe (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson, Marion Damon) start their 10th year with a show tonight & tmw at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-8972.

Laid at ATA: showcase of new works producted or edited at Artists' Television Access. See Steve Hall's *Scout's Honor*, an erotic serial involving no actors, only blowup dolls; Adrian Robert's *Black*, an examination of the various reasons people wear black; plus new videos from Amy Balkin, Liz Canning, and others. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. ATA, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Ghost Dances: Spoken Word Performance Series at the Elbo Room continues with a special evening of poetry featuring the legendary SF artist & street poet Jack Micheline, plus longtime friend Kathi Goss reading poetry & prose. 9 pm, $4/5. Info: 558-8112.

Singer Connie Champagne at Josie's Cabaret in "This is War!" Connie shares her post-atomic cabaret, a collection of short monologues & songs a la Sandra Bernhardt, compiled by Susan Stauter. 10 pm, $10 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JAN 30 / S A T

Caravan & Rally for Choice: Demo in response to a series of violent acts being waged against six family planning clinics in Northern Calif and Oregon. Pro-choice supporters will caravan thru Redding in cars/vans decorated with pro-choice signs, then attend a pro-choice rally. Buses & vans bound for Redding leave from both North Berkeley BART Station and SF's City Hall (Polk St) at 9 am and return later the same evening. Tix $25. Carpools encouraged. For more info call the SF Area Pro-Choice Coalition 255-1989.

Lake Chabot Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-580 East to 150th Exit. Turn left at the 2nd light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on left. Meet in parking lot at beginning of trail. Parking fee; free offstreet parking at entrance to park. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

SF Ethnic Dance Fest Auditions—See 1/29.

GAPA 5th Anniversary Banquet: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance celebrates five years of addressing social, cultural & political issues affecting gay & bisexual Asians and Pacific Islanders. Guest Speaker: J Craig Fong, western regional director of Lambda Legal Defense Fund. 6 pm: no-host bar, 7 pm banquet. Entertainment includes performance piece featuring the work of Janice Mirikitani, with music composed by Terry Krista, choreography by Arturo Fernandez and the talents of the GAPA Men's Chorus and the GAPA Dance Company. Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St, Japantown, SF. Tix: $60 per guest, $550 per table of ten. Imperial Dragon Tables: Jade Dragon—$650 per table of ten, Ruby Dragon—$800 per table of ten, Emerald Dragon-$1000 per table of ten. Dragon Table guests receive preferred seating and program listing. Info/res: 282-GAPA.

Frameline's "Out on Saturday" film series presents an evening of videos you can dance to: See Susan Ardill's *Stand On Your Man*, a hilarious look at the new lesbian fans of country western music; also see *The Gay Rock 'n Roll Years*, a quick zip thru lesbian & gay history from the '50s on, using vintage footage & pop songs. Program screens at 7 pm & 9 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm & 8:45 pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. No adv tix, call Frameline 703-8650 for more info.

Meeting Men Party spons by the Human Awareness Institute. Guided exercises & heart connections in pairs. 7 pm, $20, tix available at A Different Light Bookstore (489 Castro St, SF) or call 239-7839.

Ms Sacramento Valley Leather 1993 Contest & Fantasy Show: Proceeds benefit WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment), a nonprofit supporting battered women and lesbians & gays in violent relationships; and CARES (Center for AIDS Research, Education & Services) a nonprofit providing care to persons living with HIV infection in the Sacramento Valley. Event features fantasy presentations, vendors, contest, and lots of fun, starting at 7 pm. Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento. Info/directions: (916) 649-9248. Spons by the Sacramento Leather Association.

CLOUT (Christian Lesbians Out Together) Gathering: Ritual & potluck. 7 pm. Trinity Methodist Church, 2362 Bancroft, Berkeley. Info: (510) 834-0640.

Mid-Peninsula BACW 3rd annual Country Western Dance for Women: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of music, dancing & fun! 7:30 pm-midnight, $15 at door. Mainliner Club, Pacific Ave at 42nd, San Mateo. Lessons by Jaci Murray. Info/tix: 495-5393.

***Ovaryaction* at Mama Bears:** Night of experimental improv music—blend of contemporary classical with acoustic instruments, electronics, text and "found objects." 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

"Jew Meat" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/28.

Love & Hate at The LAB: The LAB's monthly performance and interview series debuts with "Mouthpiece" a performance by Joanna Frueh, followed by a short interview with Frueh and performance artist/art critic Christine Tamblyn. The LAB's Love & Hate series features women artists & writers who use performance to develop a feminist eroticism, subvert the body politic and interrogate feminist art strategies. 8 pm, $6 at The LAB, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

Over Our Heads at New Conservatory Theatre Center, see 1/29.

Workers' Film & Video Forum and the Irish Republican Socialist Committee presents *The Last Hunger Strike*, video on the life & death of INLA volunteer and 1981 hunger strike martyr Mickey Devine. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL donation. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Bondage Party: Buddies seeks fellow bondage aficionados for friendly, hot, safe sex in an equipped space. 9 pm. Info/location: 292-3228.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marga Gomez, Doug Holsclaw & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

4th Annual Miss Uranus Pagaent: A "star-studded celebration of depravity and poor judgment, reminding the masses that Beauty doesn't have to be Pretty." 10 pm, $10 at Product, 1015 Folsom St, SF. Info: 431-2697.



Joseph Pintauro's "Raft of the Medusa," a hard-hitting play about people with AIDS and HIV, runs Jan. 29-March 7 at the SF Actors Theatre. See OnStage for info. Photo by Steve Savage

JAN 31 / S U N

SF Ethnic Dance Fest Auditions—See 1/29. Final day!

SF Hiking Club 10th Annual Hike to the top of SF's 4 tallest hills, then down to Glen Canyon. Moderate, distance 7 miles, 700-ft elevation gain near the beginning of the hike & 500 feet more later. Meet 9:45 am at Harvey Milk Plaza, corner of Castro & Market Sts, SF. Trails are steep in places, wear comfortable shoes with good-gripping soles. Bring lunch & water. Rain cancels.

Two Bondage Demos spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. "Bondage with Unusual Materials," by Lady Cassandra, followed by "Spider Web Bondage" by Morgan. $20-$10 SL fee. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:15 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

Bi Women's Support Group meets today. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Men Pleasuring Men," led by John Sabel & Matthew Simmons. 2-5 pm, $20. 2051 Market at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

At Mama Bears: Booksigning & publication celebration for Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz's new work, *The Issue is Power: Essays on Women, Jews, Violence & Resistance*. Reading, discussion & booksigning. 3-5 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets 3 pm today. Writers & performers welcome! Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Loss of the Ground-Note: *Women Writing About the Loss of Their Mothers* —Join editor Helen Vozenilek and local contributors to this anthology, a diverse collection of stories about mother-loss that explores a subject long kept isolated. 3-5 pm at Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-9272.

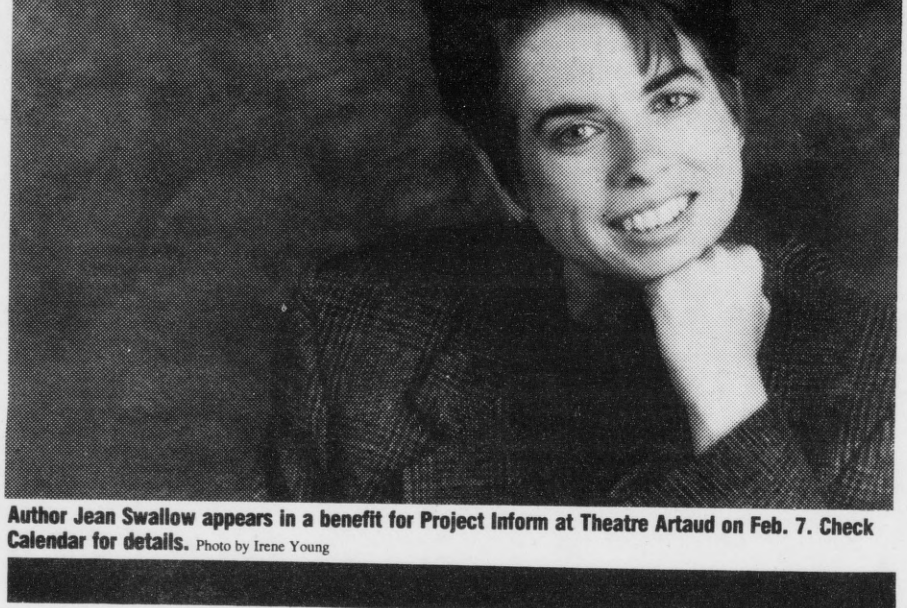
Int'l Day of Solidarity with the People of Guatemala, plus a commemoration of the martyrs of the Spanish Embassy Massacre (1/31/80): Speakers include Roberto Lemus, an exiled Guatemalan judge, who gives an eyewitness account of the Spanish Embassy Massacre; Beatriz Manz, author of *Refugees of a Hidden War*, discusses the return of Guatemalan refugees from Mexico to Guatemala; Susanne Jonas, author of *The Battle for Guatemala*, discusses the negotiations being conducted between the Guatemalan government and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG). 4-7 pm, at St Peter's Church Hall, 1249 Alabama St btwn 24th & 25th.

Get into radical lesbian spirituality at Noe Valley Ministry: Event for women interested in exploring connections between spirituality, sexuality & justice. Tonight's focus on women's sensuality & Buddhism. Includes music by Kim Oswalt on 20 string Koto; oboist Randy Israel & poet Patricia Donegan reading hot Haiku. 7 pm. 23rd & Sanchez, SF. Donation requested. Info: (510) 834-0640 or (415) 550-7796.

Bay Area Booklovers meet at 7 pm. Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Info/location: Jay 771-3198.

"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/29. Final show!

Rubber Club Party spons by the Asian AIDS Project: Tonight's theme is "The Rubber Club Does Las Vegas". Enjoy an eve of songs, lipsynchs & comical skits incorporating safer sex themes. 10 pm at the N'Touch, 1548 Polk St, SF. For



Author Jean Swallow appears in a benefit for Project Inform at Theatre Artaud on Feb. 7. Check Calendar for details. Photo by Irene Young

more info or to volunteer, call Trac or Dominic 227-0946.

FEB 1 / MON

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

FEB 2 / TUE

Trust-building Group for Gay/Bi Men: Short-term, free group meets on Tues. SF location. Info: (510) 548-9215.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African-American artist/athlete Stan Stone. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Free Introductory Talks about Eckankar, "the religion of the light & sound of God," led by gay members of Eckankar. 7-8:30 pm in the Castro (MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF), tonight & 2/9. Info: Alex 864-2852.

"The Mystical Meaning of Seance'," a presentation by Rev Norma Tringali, minister & co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 2/9, 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Media Coverage of Gays in the Military: Too Much or Not Enough? Panel discussion with Navy petty officer Keith Meinhold, the first openly gay military person to be reinstated under court order, and a group of Bay Area journalists. 7:30 pm at Palo Alto Cultural Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Free, everyone welcome! Spons by the Northern Calif Chapter of the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association.

Peter "Dead Marilyn" Stack stars in the musical revue, "STACKULA: The Unholy Clergy," at DNA Lounge, 375 11th St, SF. Doors open at 9 pm, show starts at 10. Admission free till 10, $3 after.

FEB 3 / WED

SF Hiking Club monthly mtg & social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood nr 18th (next to Cala Market), SF.

"Muff Diva," lesbian comic Lea DeLaria and her jazz quartet perform a unique blend of raucous, often vulgar, no-holds-barred comedy and sultry jazz at Josie's Cabaret. Wed-Sun thru 2/21 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 2/5, 12 & 19. Tix $12. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 4 / THU

Astrology Class with Susan Levitt. 4 evenings, 7-9 pm, in Sausalito. Info/res: 331-1028.

Environmental Health Network Mtg: 7-10 pm. Dr Michael Mayer, psychologist and director of the Psychotherapy and Healing Center, gives a hands-on lecture in practical exercises to strengthen the immune system. UCSF Lone Mountain campus, room 363. Info: 541-5075. Please attend fragrance-free.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Help Bay Area Career Women plan upcoming activities. 7-9:30 pm. Info/directions: Lynne or Sandi 457-4866.

At Red Dora's Bearded Lady: Open Mike Night with performance, comedy, music & readings. Emcee Karla Carmony. Sign-up by phone or at event by 7:30 pm, show at 8, $3-5. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 206-9365.

"Muff Diva," with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's, see 2/3.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru*, lectures on "Dreams & Meditation: Your Hotline to God," at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Spons by Inner Light Foundation. Info: (707) 765-2200.

At Good Vibrations: "Erotic Shopping 101: Men's Night," Carol Queen offers men advice, tips & support in selecting an erotic gift for their Valentine. 8-10 pm. Free, men only. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

FEB 5 / FRI

Embracing the Goddess Within—Tantra for Women: Wkshop with Evalena Rose & Anna Harvey. Connect heart to heart in high Tantric ritual, experience the power of healing circles of women. Learn ancient arts of blending spirituality & power; enjoy dance, movement, breathwork, communication skills & sexual healing. Lesbian, bisexual & heterosexual women are welcome. Tonight thru 2/7, $275. $25 for tonight only. Info/res: 924-1904.

Women Making Music Retreat: Today's the deadline for early registration for this upcoming retreat (4/2-5) directed by performer/teacher Judy Fjell and designed to offer a supportive and educational atmosphere for women of all musical abilities. Cost: $150-$250, includes all classes as well as comfortable accomodations and delicious meals at Bishop's Ranch near Healdsburg. Info: Sue Dolf & Lynne Pethel (503) 482-9122 or Judy Fjell (707) 944-2420.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance, see 1/29.

See *Last Call at Maud's*, a feature-length documentary exploring the dynamics of a secret sorority, the lesbian bar. In 1989 Maud's Bar, the oldest surviving women's bar in the world, served its last drink. *Last Call at Maud's* focuses on this event, using it to explore hidden facets of lesbian history from WWII to the present. Film features interviews with Rikki Streicher, Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin, Sally Gearhart, Judy Grahn, JoAnn Loulan, Jo Daly, Gwenn Craig, Pat Norman, Mary Wings, Susan Fahey, Joann Shirley, Hydie Downard and many of Maud's regular customers. Film opens 2/5 and runs thru 2/11 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF (showtimes 7 & 9 pm, with additional matinees Sat, Sun & Wed at 1, 3 & 5 pm). Tonight's opening is a benefit for the Bay Area Video Coalition and Frameline, and includes a 5:30 pm reception. Tix: $10 for reception, call BAVC 861-3282 or Frameline 703-8650 for details, for other tix info call the Castro Theatre 621-6120.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Let go of the week & your work and bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! SF location this month. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. 7:30 pm. For location/directions call 648-1001, for more info call 821-4009.

"Muff Diva," with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's, see 2/3.

FEB 6 / SAT

Our Common Welfare: A lesbian & gay Al-Anon conference supporting members of Al-Anon, ACA and AA at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave at Garber, Berkeley.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High Street exit off Hwy 880. Follow High St WEST toward Alameda to Otis. Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Drive & immediately right onto Veteran's Court. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

An Exploration of Grief: Wkshop with Stephen & Ondrea Levine. Appropriate for anyone dealing with grief resulting from the death or illness of a loved one, loss of relationship, memories of abuse or the countless other ways we grieve every day. Particularly appropriate for those working in situations where grief is ongoing & effective ways of coping are minimal. 10 am-5 pm today & tmw at Scottish Rite Center, Oakl. $135. Info: 753-5755.

Goddess Religion & Ritual Magic Class with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.

"UFOs: The Latest Scoop," Don Christian & Ian Christopher share the latest findings of diverse UFO experts, using video. 1-5 pm, $25. Calif Society for Psychical Study, 1924 Benvenue Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 339-8040.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. For info/location call Jon 731-2424.

Performance Benefit for The LAB with Rodney O'Neal Austin, D-L Alvarez, David E Johnson & Karla Milosezich, Ester Amy Fischer, Kevin Killian, Aaron Noble, Plco Ritard, AKA Bob Davis & Henry Steele and Pamela Z. 8 pm, $10. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

2nd Annual "Be My Red Valentine Sweetheart Party," spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF. Fun starts at 8 pm. Prizes for the man who wears the most red. Club supplies the munchies & drinks. $5. 176-B Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.

"Muff Diva," with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/3.

The Women's Philharmonic Concert: The 3rd program of WP's 12th season features mezzo-soprano Stephanie Friedman performing *Four Early Songs* by Alma Mahler and principal horn player Krista Smith performing the world premiere of Carol Bennett's *Concerto for Horn & Orchestra*. Program includes world premiere of *Hampton's Throne* by Marilyn Currier, Germain Tailleferre's *Overture*, Alma Mahler's *Four Early Songs* and Bela Bartok's *Dance Suite*. 8 pm, $21 at door, $19 in adv. First Congregational Church, SF. Info/res: 543-2297.

At Mama Bears: Night of blues & torch songs with singer/songwriter Teresa Chandler. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marilyn Pittman, Scott Capurro & Danny Williams. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 7 / SUN

AIDS/HIV Nightline seeks volunteers. The Nightline provides night time help and emotional support by telephone, to anyone with AIDS/HIV concerns. Training provided. Info: Rolph or Dave 752-4866.

Fire in the Heart—Relationship as Path: Process group for lesbian couples. Innovative, experiential, practical examination of relationship issues in ongoing partnerships. Spons by the Institute for Global Facilitation. Info: Faith Fuller, PhD or Marita Fridjhon, MSW, CHT, (510) 601-5435.

Southbay Jewish Dykes Sunday Potluck Brunch Group meets 11:30 am-2:30 pm on the first & third Sundays of each month to schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish dykes. Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Bring a dish to share. Info: 965-8416.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. For location & other info call Jon 731-2424.

Susan's Head Trip: An eve of performance and video by Susan Amicarella, owner of Hairy Bizness Hair Salon/Gallery, her clients and friends. 7 pm, free. 867 Valencia St nr 20th, SF. Info: 826-1291.

Report from Russia: Public forum at the Women's Building, spons by Workers World Party. Featured speaker: Bill Doares, *Workers World* newspaper correspondent, who was in Moscow during the Congress of People's Deputies session in December, 1992, and met with leaders of the Russian Communist Workers Party (RKRP), the largest & most active Marxist organization in the former Soviet Union. 7 pm, $3-5 donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 826-4828.

Project Inform Benefit at Theatre Artaud: Night of music, dance & spoken word with Paul Anelli & Matthew Martin, Eli Coppola, Wayne Corbitt, Jess Curtis & friends, Kathleen Hermesdorf/Scott Wells Dance Co, Kneejerk Dance Project, Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney, Stephen Pelton, Mercy Sidbury, Jean Swallow and Cheryl Marie Wade. 7 pm, $10-25 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Project Inform, a nonprofit organization which provides up-to-date information on new treatment developments in standards of care for HIV and its associated opportunistic diseases, thru printed materials, hotline service, regular public town meetings and more. Event is co-spons by Theatre Artaud. 450 Florida St, SF. Info: 621-7797.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria, see 2/3.

FEB 8 / MON

Customizing Your Whipping—How to Create 100 Different Effects with One Whip: Class taught by Joseph Bean. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Joseph shows how to use the same whip for warmup, intensity, sensuality, pain & dramatic impact. Discuss what to look for when buying a whip, get some tips on making your own. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. Info: 550-7776.

Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Int'l Ms Leather, Inc Board of Directors meets to discuss & plan the March 1993 Int'l Miss Leather Contest. Meeting is open to all, community participation is welcome! 7 pm at 1839 15th St, SF. For more info or to add an item to the agenda, call Frank Strona 621-4145.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Suzy Berger. 8 m, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Poetry Reading by Sam Ambler, winner of the 1991 & 1993 *Bay Guardian* Poetry Contest. 8 pm at Berkeley Repertory Theatre mainstage, Berkeley.

FEB 9 / TUE

Is Homosexuality Genetic? Dr Simon LeVay presents his controversial research grappling with this topic. 6-8 pm, SL donation requested. Spons by BALIF (Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom). Law Offices of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon, 505 Montgomery St, SF. Info: Nanci Clarence 929-1915. Light refreshments served.

Trust-Building Group for gay/bi men; see 2/2.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by bodybuilder Jim Rueth. 7 pm. Info/location: 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

"The Tarot: A Journey to Self Healing & Spiritual Enlightenment," a presentation by Gina Crystal at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Free Intro Talks about Eckankar, "the religion oof the light & sound of God," see 2/2.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 2/2.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Political activist & writer Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz reads from her new book, *The Issue is Power: Essays on Women, Jews, Violence & Resistance*. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

FEB 10 / WED

Demo at the Pacific Stock Exchange: Part of a nationwide week of solidarity activities supporting the efforts of the Haitian people for freedom and justice, and commemorating the 2nd anniversary of Aristide's inauguration. Gathering is being held at the PSE because US corporations have consistently violated the OAS' embargo against the military regime in Haiti and have pressured Clinton to backtrack on his promises to restore democracy in Haiti. Meet at noon at 301 Pine St, btwn Sansome & Montgomery, SF. Spons by the Haiti Action Coalition, call (510) 655-1177, (510) 524-9762 or (415) 821-6545 for info.

Project Share Monthly Informational Gathering for Oakland and Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-9030.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Lesbian Uprising! Reading Group discusses selected essays from *Racing Justice, Engendering Power: Essays on Anita Hill, Clarence Thomas & the Construction of Reality*, a collection of writings edited by Toni Morrison. Info/location: Rochelle 664-3240.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 11 / THU

Challenging White Supremacy: An experimental workshop for anti-racist activists starts today. 12-wk wkshop facilitated by Sharon Martinas & Mickey Ellinger, spons by Open Forum, a school of collective learning. Location/reg & other info: 552-0389.

"Are Your Entitlements to Blame for the Federal Deficit?" a talk by Martha McSteel, president of the Nat'l Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare. 6 pm, $6. UCSF, 3333 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Memorial tribute to the late prose writer/poet Melvin Dixon (*Trouble the Water* and *Vanishing Rooms*) with readings from his work by Brian Freeman and Alan Miller. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: "An Evening with Ache," readings by contributors to the journal for African-American lesbians. Natalie Devora and others read new work. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/3.

parents & kids box

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group meets this month. Call 457-1115 for details. Spons by Spectrum.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 1/30: Amiguitos de La Pena present **Juanita Newland Ulloa** in a concert/demo of Latin American music with pre-Columbian instruments. 2/6: Amiguitos de La Pena kick off Black History Month with storyteller, performer & educator Awele Makeba. 2/13 Mascaritas Puppet Theater presents "The Yellow Submarine," an adaptation of the Beatles' film. 2/20: Amiguitos de La Pena present stories & songs with Machael Litsky & Ariel Grey. 2/27: Plum City Players—songs, stories & games with Bonnie, Nancy & Annie. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

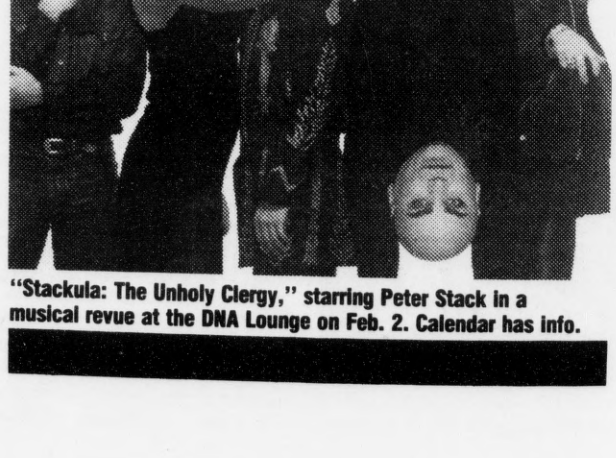
Children's Storytime at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: 2/6, 1-1:45 pm for 4-8 yr olds, 2-2:45 for 8 & older. Renowned storyteller Diana De Regnier gives an afternoon of stories, songs & other surprises. Kids are invited to share their feelings in an atmosphere of fun & gentle support. Free. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Classes begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. Schedule: 1/30: "Chinese Lion Dancing," with Henny Lee. Learn the history of Lion Dancing, watch or be a part of a short dance performance, $4 per person. **Black History Month Programs**, all classes $4 per person. 2/6: "Maskmaking with Kemit Amenophis," learn about West African masks, construct contemporary masks using construction paper & newspaper "manes". 2/13: "Shadow Boxes" with Patty Yancey, use printed text, feathers, "gems" and other neat stuff in this 3-D assemblage project to make your own expression of the meaning of love. 2/20: "Extraordinary Collage," with Leona Beasley. Examine the work of African American collage artists, then make your own. 2/27: Jazz Movement Wkshop with Roger Dillahunty. Lots of fun! Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF.

2nd Int'l Children's Film Festival at Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley: Wonderful selection of films for children presented at matinee screenings on Sat & Sun thru 2/27. Entertaining, high quality films from around the world. 1:30 pm on 1/30; 2/6, 7, 20 & 27. Pacific Film Archive, University Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Tix $3 per person. Info/res: (510) 642-1412.

Gay & Lesbian Parents of independent school students are welcome to meet with gay & lesbian independent school teachers on 4/21 at 7:30 pm at Drew High School to discuss issues of mutual concern. Spons by the Bay Area Independent School Gay & Lesbian Caucus, a group of teachers working to promote awareness of issues facing gays, lesbians & bisexuals in Bay Area independent schools. Info: Blake 864-0727.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.



"Stackula: The Unholy Clergy," starring Peter Stack in a musical revue at the DNA Lounge on Feb. 2. Calendar has info.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "William M Harnett," the first comprehensive exhibit of the 19th century still life painter's work, on exhibit thru 2/14. "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 4/25. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850-1903); thru 5/2. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Jeff Koons," exhibit of work by the artist, dealing with issues of class, race, fame, sex, wealth & power; on exhibit thru 2/7. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: 30th anniversary exhibit highlights the museum's important work in rescuing, preserving, encouraging & exhibiting Jewish art. Thru 2/17. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

"About-Face," a mask invitational involving Bay Area artists from a variety of ethnic backgrounds in a timely dialogue on Black-Jewish relations. Participating artists created masks which integrate themes of the Jewish festival of Purim with themes from the museum's recent exhibit "Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews." Hrs: Sun-Wed 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-7 pm. The Jewish Museum, 121 Steuart St, SF. Info: 543-8880.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Annie Leibovitz Photographs," exhibit covering 20 years' worth of work, thru 3/14; "Maximum Repose: Portraits by Ansel Adams," thru 2/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18; "This Modern World," exhibit of work by cartoonist Dan Perkins aka Tom Tomorrow, thru 2/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Sarah Moon: Unlikeness," recent photos by the French photographer & filmmaker, thru 2/27. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Madeline De Joly: Libraries of Confluence," on exhibit thru 2/21; "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," 2/27-4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, 2/27-4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "The Edison Effect," an exhibit of interactive sculptures by Paul DeMarinis; 2/18-3/20, opening reception 2/17, 5:30-7:30 pm. Ernie Gehr Film Retrospective, 2/25-3/7, call for program details & showtimes. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

University Art Museum: "Edvard Munch and His Models, 1912-1944" on exhibit thru 3/21. "Cecilia Vicuna: El Ande Futuro," exhibit of evocative sculpture by Chilean-born artist Cecilia Vicuna, thru 1/31 in Matrix Gallery. "Gentleman Friends," exhibit of bookbinding work by Jonathan Hammer, 2/10-4/18. "Jim & Sylvia," an installation by Lutz Bacher, on exhibit 2/10-4/18. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Vision Gallery: "Godfrey Frankel: Vintage & Modern Prints," on exhibit 2/4-3/27, artist's reception 2/4, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Richmond Art Center: "A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects & Proposals," exhibit examining the role of artists from different ethnic & cultural groups in public art in Calif, thru 3/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Cards 'N Jazz Sports Art Gallery: "It's Not A Photograph," exhibit of original & limited edition sports art by Dan Smith; on exhibit thru 1/29. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm. 1528 Pacific Ave at Polk, SF. Info: 474-1096.

ATA Gallery: "Child Support," window installation & gallery exhibit by Kathryn Fitzgerald & Laura Gravell. Thru Jan. Artists' Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Singing in the Stone Gallery: "Figuring in Drake's Equation," paintings by Steve Fegan on exhibit thru 2/20. Hrs: Sat & Sun 1-4 pm. 2115 Taraval St, SF.

ARU Gallery: "Visual Autopsy: The Artist's Perception of Existence," group show on exhibit thru 1/30. "Art to Heart," works by Gilles Combet, Tim Cooper, Dale Ellison, Philip Jameson, Mike Josephson & Mary Marsh, on exhibit 2/3-28, opening reception 2/5, 6-8:30 pm. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF.

NIAD Gallery: "A Stitch in Time," exhibit of fiber arts works by Rose Kelly, Joanna Lindsly, Sara Long, Faith Ringgold, Ed Rossbach, Susan Thompson & Katherine Westphal; thru 2/28. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

The Owl Gallery: Exhibit of works by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera opens 2/6. Reception held with Joe Barbera at the gallery, call for date & time info. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 9 am-9 pm, Sun & Mon 10 am-6 pm. Info: 781-5464.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Body Politic," juried group exhibit featuring painting, sculpture, photography, installation & video works by 26 Bay Area artists addressing issues of identity, empowerment & enfranchisement; on exhibit thru 3/12. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

Anti-Matter Space for Art: "Afterword," group show featuring the work of five local artists "linked together by their use of language as the primary force of the work." Exhibit opens 2/2 at 6 pm. 190 Capp St, SF.

The LAB Gallery: "The Lifted Veil," an exhibit of black & white pen & ink drawings by Andrea Brewster. 2/10-3/13, opening reception 2/10, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 346-4063.

"Leslie Andelin: Recent Work," oil paintings on canvas on exhibit thru 2/6 at The Bearded Lady Cafe & Gallery, 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 626-2805.

Artwork by Cynthia Seawomyn on exhibit thru 2/15 at The Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline, Berkeley. Info: (510) 658-5555.

William Samios: "Recent Charcoal Drawings," on exhibit thru 2/28 at Architects & Heroes Gallery, 207 Powell St, SF.

SF PALM (Performing Arts & Library Museum): "The Christensen Brothers & the SF Ballet," exhibit of photos, programs, video & original set & costume designs highlighting the careers of Harold, Lew & William Christensen and their contributions to the history of dance in SF and the United States. Exhibit runs 2/2-3/31. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. 399 Grove St, SF. Info: 255-4800.

Oakland Museum: "Songs of My People," exhibit of over 150 black & white images taken by 46 African-American photographers throughout the United States, on exhibit thru 3/7. "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit 2/27-5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Intersection Gallery: "If I Were a Pigeon," installation by Reiko Goto on exhibit thru 2/27. Opening reception & performance 1/29, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-4:30 pm. Info: 626-2787.

Visual Aid Exhibition: Works by six artists with AIDS, grantee artists of Visual Aid—David Dashiell, John Davis, Galen Martinez, Mark Paron, Patrick Sweeney, Robin Tichane & Phillip Zimmerman; 2/2-27 at SF Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery, Bldg A, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Gala opening reception to benefit Visual Aid, 2/2, 5:30-7:30 pm, $10. Dinner, raffle & dancing with Patsy Cline & the Memphis G-Spots to benefit Visual Aid, 2/8 at 7 pm at Greens Restaurant, Ft Mason, SF, $100. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF and Under One Roof, 2362 Market St, SF. Info: 441-4777.

"One Hundred & Eighty Degrees," exhibit of sculptural installation works by members of LIQ (locus in quo) Collective; thru 2/14. Noon-4 pm Fri-Sun, or by appt. 2839 23rd St, SF. Info: 206-0184.

on stage

A Snake in the Vein by Alan Bowne. Explosive two-character one-act set in a NY drug clinic. A sensual, shattering black comedy. Theatre Rhino production. Run extended thru 2/6 at Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm. Info/res: 861-5079.

Two Kafka One-Acts by Open Egg Theatre: **In the Penal Colony**, psychological drama in which an explorer, an unwitting spectator at a public execution, is asked to condone or condemn the method of execution. **A Hunger Artist** is about a man who "fasts" as a form of entertainment. Opens 1/29 at 8 pm, $12; runs Thurs-Sun thru 2/14 at 8 pm; $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Hole by Ken Prestininzi. Stark yet human story of an underground man. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 2/14 at 8 pm. Tix: $7-10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat ($10 for srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged), $8 Sun. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Baby Dance by Jane Anderson. Gripping emotional drama questioning current attitudes on class, racism & the value of human life. Wanda & Al, a poor Louisiana husband & wife, must make a heartwrenching decision about the child they can't afford to keep. Runs thru 2/6. Tix $13-28. Info/res: (408) 291-2255.

A Normal Life by Erik Brogger. An arranged marriage promises to bring "a normal life" to a talented spinster in this endearing portrait of a Jewish family in 1930s New York. TheatreWorks production. Runs thru 2/7 at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Info/res: 329-2623.

Crying Holy by Wayne Corbitt. Powerful two-act drama of an African-American family thrown into spiritual turmoil by the HIV positive diagnosis of the eldest son. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 2/20 at 8 pm. 2926 16th St. SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Rover by Aphra Behn. Rollicking comedy of amorous intrigue, set in the 17th century. Palo Alto players production. Runs thru 2/6 at Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. Tix $14/16. For showtime & other info call 329-2623.

Volpone by Ben Jonson. Berkeley Rep production of the 1606 savage comedy. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Thurs matinees at 2 pm, thru 3/5. Tix: Tues-Thurs & Sun $24, Fri & Sat $31, matinees $23. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Boy in the Air by Don Bajema. Play chronicles the loss of manufactured innocence in post-WWII American culture thru the coming of age of Eddie Burnette, a poor white trash innocent who is confronted by domestic & cultural violence. An Intersection for the Arts, Sansei Productions & Exponential Arts production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 2/7 at Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-3311.

Little Train by Edgar Poma. Play examines how Filipino core family values are impacted by changing times, when a Filipina magazine editor decides that it is in her parents' "best interests" to be cared for in a rest home. Teatro ng Tanan ("Theatre for Everyone") production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 4 pm, thru 1/31. Mission Cultural Center Theatre, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, in adv, $12 at door, $8 stnds, disabled & srs. WA. 1/30 performance is a gala benefit fundraiser for Teatro ng Tanan & includes after-show reception, all tix $15. Info/res: 252-7566.

Brava! for Women in the Arts' 5th Annual Taking Shape Series: Features 4 weeks of excerpts from works in progress by women playwrights. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm at Brava! Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Tix $7-12 SL Thurs-Sun, $8-12 SL Fri & Sat. Feb 4-7 program: Claire Blotter's "Crosses," unmasks Catholicism, young love & incest. Cynthia Bruckman's "Live Model," about a condemned prisoner of war. DeeAnne Davis' "Mali's Dance," about a sister & brother at odds. Judy Juanita's "Heaven's Hold," set in 1962 Oakland, about a young Black girl who can't abide her mother's expectations. Feb 11-14: Roberta D'Alois' "So's Your Old Man" about a tough cookie who can hold a grudge. Judy Jones' & Skye Atman's "Frida! the Opera," about the passionate relationship btwn Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Awele Makeba's "Voices of Our Children," a multimedia "call to action" exploring both the deterioration & survival of America's children. Reservations suggested: 641-7657.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Limited engagement of this popular show, produced by Artfull Circle Theatre Inc. Thru 2/28. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat, $15 & $17 at door. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

Raft of the Medusa by Joe Pintauro. Hard-hitting play about people—white, Black, Hispanic, male, female, gay, straight, bisexual, single, married, professional and blue collar—living with HIV. Play was an off-Broadway hit in NY. Actors Theatre production. Previews 1/28, opens 1/29 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/7, Sun at 2 pm on 2/14, 21 & 28. Tix $14-16. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Three Postcards by Craig Lucas. Free-form musical play by the author of "Prelude to a Kiss" and "Longtime Companion" explores the ups & downs in the lives of three women friends who meet for dinner & revealing conversations in a chic Manhattan restaurant. 2/4-28, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Tix $15. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St. SF. Info/res: 292-3218.

Counting the Ways by Edward Albee and **Talk to Me Like the Rain & Let Me Listen** by Tennessee Williams. Two one-act plays presented by The Other Theatre of New York. 2/3-14, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $5. Magic Theatre Southside, Ft Mason Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Dolls by Phillip R Ford. A drama with music, based on the film *Valley of the Dolls*. An all-new, cross-gender, multimedia musical stage adaptation of the camp classic. A Playstitute production. Previews 2/10-12, opens 2/13 with a gala Valentine's Eve performance to benefit Shanti Project; runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/6. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF.

Breakfast in the Flesh District by Danielle Willis. Willis continues her autobiographical travelogue thru the City's midnight subculture—an expose of the sex industry, with side trips into dominatrix parlors, Tenderloin transsexual & drag bars, Satanism & early morning fluorescent coffee shops. Witty, honest & never apologetic. Show runs Fri & Sat at 10 pm, beginning 2/5. Tix $10. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

A Poster of the Cosmos by Lanford Wilson. Craig Osterberg performs a one-man piece about life, love & AIDS, playing a man interrogated by the police for the death of his lover. Fri-Sun at 8:30 pm thru 2/7. Tix $7-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.

The Trojan Women, Tadashi Suzuki's contemporary adapation of the Euripides tragedy to post WWII Japan. Previews 2/16, opens 2/17, runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/7. Theatre of Yugen production. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Tix $8-12 SL. Info/res: 621-0507.

The Wring of Life by solo performer Fred Adler. Adler uses comic themes to expose the cutthroat social darwinism of

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The Brides by Harry Kondoleon. Fractured fairy tale that plays with the myths surrounding what it means to be a bride, unraveling the underlying (and sometimes harsh) truths about sex, love & marriage. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 2/7. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. Tix $8 Thurs & Sun, $10 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 905-4605.

Temporary Girl by Lisa Kotin. Hilarious one-woman show, a multimedia exploration of the darker side of the life of an office temp. The Marsh production. Plays Thurs-Sun thru 2/28. Tix $8 Sun, $7-10 SL on Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Pulp Playhouse Valentine Show: Night of audience-inspired stories of love & romance by Pulp Playhouse improv troupe. 2/11-13 at 8 pm at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower lobby. Tix $12 Thurs & Fri, $15 Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

So.. Ya Wanna Be a Stripper? by Linda Serbu. Play takes on several issues—lesbianism, drugs, boyfriend problems, stripping tips, peer disapproval, unsupportive management, customer attachment & prostitution; interweaving them with live strip teases and a girl-girl sex act. Linda Serbu production. 9 pm, $5-10 SL. 78 Leavenworth at Golden Gate, SF. Info/res: 255-6856.

Candida by George Bernard Snaw. Set in 1897, Candida is married to Rev Morell but is loved by Eugene Marchbanks, a sensitive & visionary poet who thinks Morell is a moralist & windbag. According to agreements between the two men, Candida is to make her choice. And when she demands that they bid for her, Morell offers his strength, Eugene his weakness. Aurora Theatre Co production. Play runs 2/3-28. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm (except 2/7, at 7 pm). Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Tix $12-18. Info/res: (510) 843-4822.

Black History Month plays at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House: Ed Bullins' **Street Sounds** and Jonal Woodward's **The Burial of Prejudice**. 2/5 & 6 at 8 pm, 2/7 at 3:30 pm. $5 Fri & Sun, $7 Sat. 953 DeHaro St, SF. Info/res: 826-8080 or 822-7898.

Beach Blanket Babylon, Steve Silver's long-running musical, continues Wed & Thurs at 7 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm at Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-40. Info/res: 421-4222.

Lysistrata by Aristophanes. Classic Greek satirical comedy reeks with still-relevant social & political commentary. Menlo Players Guild production. Runs 2/5-27, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, one Sun matinee on 2/14, 2:30 pm. Burgess Theater, 601 Laurel St, Menlo Park. Tix $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs on Fri & Sat; $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs on Thurs & Sun. Info/res: 329-2623.

The Trials of Jane Doe, choreography by Erica Essner. A full-length dance drama about the prosecution of a woman's body and mind. Featuring a satire on the Hill vs Thomas Senate hearings, a dancing commentary on the religious right to life, ministers who repent and those who don't, a samba featuring the hit song 'she's delusional', a point blank reference to the female body as property, both sexual & spiritual. Footwork production. Runs 2/4-6 and 11-13 at 8:30 pm at Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 824-5044.

Outside Blake's Window Tandy Beal & Co's multi-layered performance work inspired by the artistic vision of the poet/painter William Blake. Play runs 2/4-14, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm (no performance on 2/7), with special Valentine's Day matinee on 2/14 at 3 pm. Tix $13 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info/res: 392-4400.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services is a multicultural organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. HIV+ support groups include Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling, and ongoing African-American specific, multicultural & transgender groups. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV + Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed &



Michael Benbrook and Erica Wyman are "Bill and Hillary" in Steve Silver's "Beach Blanket Babylon," the ongoing musical revue of our times at Club Fugazi. See OnStage for info. Photo by David Allen

Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

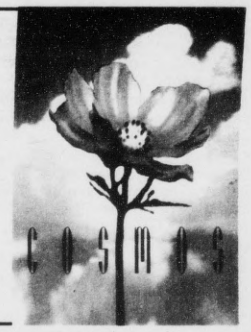
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Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease. Tues 5:30-7 pm, free. Led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required. Call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Thurs in Mill Valley. Infi: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Cogender Bisocial Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.



"Mali's Dance," part of Brava! For Women in the Arts Taking Shape Series, at Studio Theatre, SF. OnStage has info.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.

Women Incest Survivors: Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview purposes, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. $10 handling fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1.

Jewish Lesbian & Gay Program of the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival seeks entries covering a wide range of issues & concerns of lesbian & gay Jews including: Lesbians & gays and/or AIDS in Israel, Global AIDS, the Holocause & Jewish Community Response, Queer Jews & Activism, Queer Jews & Jewish Tradition, Queer Jews & the Lesbian/Gay Community. The goal of the program is to screen works which examine both lesbian & gay & Jewish identity and illuminate larger questions of race, class & sexuality for the lesbian & gay community in general. For more info & entry forms contact Marc Smolowitz, guest curator, Frameline, 346 9th St, SF 94103 or call 703-8650, 252-9363. Fax: 861-1404. Deadline: 3/1.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31. Palo Alto. 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Ser-

vices provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.
Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birth-mothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8prn; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, con-

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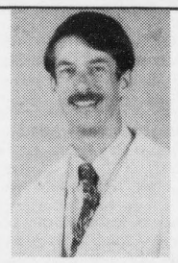
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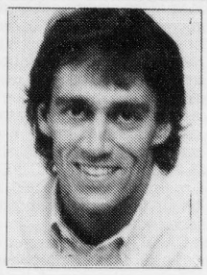


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ference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.



"Over Our Heads" musical comedy improv group at New Conservatory Theatre in SF on Jan 29 & 30. For details, see Calendar. Photo by Arlyn Anderson

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Operation Concern Writing Wkshop designed for gays & lesbians interested in exploring personal experience thru the craft of poetry & fiction. Call Nancy R 626-7000 ext 214 for details.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and National Men's Attitudinal Survey. For info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles—See Hobbies.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.
Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.
Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
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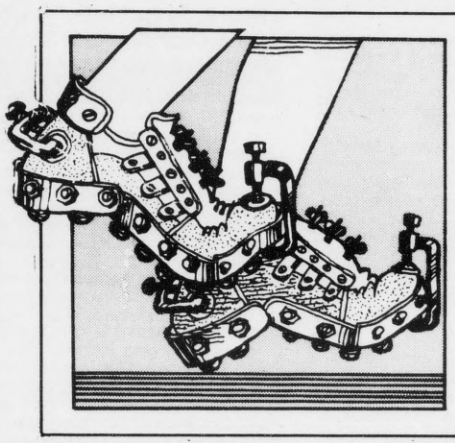
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First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay/Lesbian Spiritual Support Group: Gathering of open-minded lesbians & gays seeking to experience life from a spiritual/metaphysical perspective. Meditation, guided processes, music, sharing, mutual support. Sun 7:30 pm. Info/location: Gregg Tallman 979-6579.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professional clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 427-4077.



Phillip R. Ford's "Dolls," a cross-gender musical stage adaptation of "Valley of the Dolls" at the On Broadway Theatre in SF. OnStage has details. Photo by Daniel Nicoletta

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QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

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Cogender Biosocial Group spons by LYRIC. For meeting times & other info call 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

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Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

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Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

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Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Walnut Creek Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth under age 21 meets Sun at 1 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

beat this by don baird

Glamour as Armor

Two weeks of this goddamned rain, plus all that extra time spent inside staring at a new month on a brand-new calendar for a brand-new year because of it, the mind reeling into retrospect on the year of living painfully—as I now refer to '92—and the pressure mounting to personally implement positive change as best one can in this new year, and it's more than clear that the January/February doldrums have set in. Don't pretend it's not depressing. Financial woes have hit hard, there's nothing to buy at the record store, people don't go out as much, and Pac Bell commercials are twice as likely to make one cry. Work is hard, erratic bitchiness alienates your friends, and things seem forever fucked—no relief in sight.

Last Friday night these thoughts and feelings were swelling like an aneurism in my head, producing a dangerous (but fun) bitchy edge that I couldn't contain. I went to the opening of a new club called Star Bar that will be taking place twice a month at Lily's, at the corner of Market and Valencia. This understated little endeavor will boast non-stop entertainment in the drag queen vein, but thus far what sets it apart from other more post-modern drag palaces of the night is simply the presentation side-by-side of new queens and, shall we say, elder stateswomen of the backroom stages that become a legend most. At long last we see an example of mutual respect between the elders and the upstarts of one thin slice of the gay community pie graph, free of friction or stratification.

We see Madeline/Gigi doing "Mambo Italiano," followed by the infamous Kitty Castro doing a country-western tough bitch type thing, then Gentry—a real girl's girl—really singing, then Jade synching Stevie Nicks, then an out-and-out drag queen who sparkled as an informal sort of MC/hostess for the night with the precious gems of old-school drag performance and the kind of nuance that can only come from decades of work and years in front of a mirror applying makeup. Oddly enough, Madeline, a mere babe in the lipstick woods, possesses a few of these old-school qualities, his Streisand being the main indicator. At any rate, the crowd was smallish, diverse, attentive and open, treating performers and patrons with consistent levels of respect. Other larger pieces of the gay pie graph should be humbled by the contrast between this well-mannered gathering and their own silly behavior, then just resume eating themselves.

So, Star Bar turned out to be a quaint and precious place, one that I highly recommend. When I walked into the place I was hell-bent on spewing out nasty diatribes to anyone who looked at me funny or even said hello. Who would ever think that a bar full of queens might stop my inner bitch from picking up the verbal black cat chainsaw and gouging away at the henhouse? But it did, and I suggest that a few local nightclub owners, members of their sometimes meddlesome gossip-damaged shit-stirring staffs, the entire board of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade, and Prince Charles and Lady Di drop by and let the civility rub off on one and all.

Watching a queen on stage synching to "Cabaret," I had a sudden revelation which I promptly shared with Connie Champagne regarding the aforementioned midwinter blahs. I told her, "The only thing that's gonna help get us all through this January/February depression syndrome is simply, succinctly, glamour." It's all we've got, it's brought us all closer together a number of times, it can be achieved on a budget and delivered upon request. This glamour support system will culminate, naturally, on opening night of Phillip R. Ford's *Dolls*—when else, and in what other hands could it?

HILLARY TAKES CHARGE

Speaking of glamour, the new presidential administration certainly knows how important it is to fortify the inaugural ball with copious amounts of it. However, the strongest beacon of glamour in this administration is Hillary Clinton. She's a lovely wife, career woman, fiercely independent, her haircut is sassy, her ball-do was classy and her inaugural gown was hot. Bill married into glamour and much more. His spouse, not your typical first lady, is bound to add to his popularity as she cleverly, quickly, begins her ascent to the most powerful and influential levels ever achieved by a first lady. This is a new and exciting morale boost for a nation resigned to the shame of a four-year term by a man who married his fucking mother, a token blue-light-toting puppet who writes children's books from the perspective of a dog. Perhaps I'm being too optimistic, which isn't my nature, but I think Hillary wants to fuck shit up... in that good way, and Bill had quite a first day, didn't he?

Amid the inaugural hoopla I was incredibly pleased to learn that the everlovin' Diet Popstitute and the Klubstitute clan planned to throw an inauguration send-up, a staged and scripted event called Ballstitute. So at 1015 Folsom on that blessed day, some of SF's finest underground crossgender and psychotic performers/personalities re-enacted the entire gala. I myself even participated in the show as Patty Hearst, aka Tanya, in a squelched assassination attempt, directly after Timmy Spence performed as Poison Wind doing an interpretive dance to "Highway to Hell," as only he can. Ruby as Hillary Clinton was magnificent; she had that dress and the hair down. She also was one of the key organizers of the event with Diet and all, giving her Hillary characterization a marvelously symbolic "I'm running the show" type attitude, which the nation suspects already.

Cupid was the very embodiment of Chelsea—quiet, slightly worried-looking, very into her cat and projecting that proper blend of woman/child that makes lots of men and women all over the nation want to do things to her in private. At both the real inauguration and Ballstitute the audience went nuts over the new first kid, chanting her name over and over with such vehemence that I bet Hillary will have her tucked away in an exclusive boarding school in the Alps. Former first kid Amy Carter made an appearance at Ballstitute with a few words of advice for Chelsea about how to handle Ted Kennedy at parties.

Musical guests included the newly reformed Fleetwood Mac, featuring the debut of Jade as Stevie "I'm twirling as fast as I can" Nicks, Courtney Love and Kurt Cobain, who pretended to shoot up their baby with heroin onstage, disaster-film theme singer Maureen McGovern, Flynn as Elvis, Dead Marilyn as Dead Marilyn, Gentry as Jackie O, Tim/Ivana as Dianne Feinstein, Anita Hill, singing "Respect," Matthew/Madeline/Gigi doing Barbra Streisand tunes from her flashy big band big mouth big bubble hair days, and Patsy Cline, in a special return-from-the-grave appearance. There were hot secret service men just crawling all over the joint. I didn't want to bring this up at the time but one of them cornered me and forced me to smoke pot. I always heard the CIA gets the best bud. Speaking of bud, Dennis Peron was named drug czar in the Clinton administration and suggested a pardon for all people in prison on drug charges. Later, when Hillary announced that she wasn't a typical first lady and that she won't be found in a kitchen baking cookies, she also passed off all future baking duties to Dennis Peron. His cookies beat jelly beans and pork rinds all to hell.



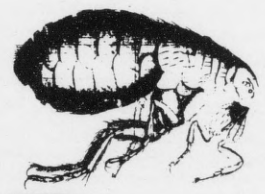
Klubstitute's inauguration send-up, Ballstitute, featured a celebrity cast in a "Hillary-ous" reenactment of the gala. Marc Geller

My favorite guest and the perfect cherry on top of a great creation was that great foe of censorship, former frontman for the Dead Kennedys, basic shit-stirring spoken-word guy forever battling and exposing reams of governmental injustice and absurdity, and a former mayoral candidate in San Francisco to boot: Jello Biafra. The twist is, he played the lovely woman from Tennessee who was instrumental in campaigning for stricter censorship in rock 'n' roll, Mrs. Tipper Gore—or now I guess one would call her first vice lady. In real life, Jello himself was singled out and made a national example of when he was slapped with obscenity charges for some inner-sleeve artwork featuring penises. The ensuing court battles nearly cost Jello his livelihood, the local record label Alternative Tentacles. Inauguration eve, with the help of the multi-talented Deena Davenport—wig expert, great actress and his babe—Jello became Tipper to a tee, not to mention a post-ball disc jockey. He played "Cop Killer" by Body Count first, wearing the headphones upside-down so as not to mess up the wig. His music was like a little bit of heaven to me, or anyone else who likes rock and never gets to hear it in a nightclub because everyone is so lame and ready for techno retardo-romp. Thanks, Jello.

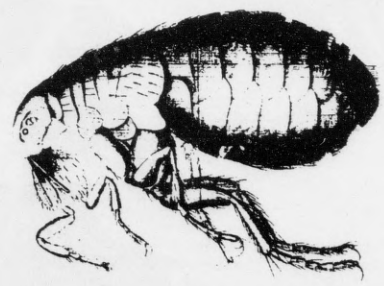
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ducing special events such as this one; auspicious and certainly the most inventive Inaugural-related gala this city could muster up. I wonder if Klubstitute will ever re-open on a regular weekly basis again. I hope so, and soon.

MORE ON THE CLUB SCENE

There are a number of new clubs or not-so-new clubs that I've neglected to write about yet, including a brief return from the dead of the spirit of the now defunct, forever legendary Club Uranus. At Product on Jan. 30, Ggreg Taylor and Jerome will be carrying on the fine to fetid, replete to retarded, scintillating to scatological 4th annual Miss Uranus Pageant. This fancy dress event (formal please) should produce a crop of fiercely competitive contestants because this time the grand prize is a brand-new washer and dryer by Speed Queen (my favorite appliance co.) and some of us have a lot of washing to do. The esteemed panel of judges are Miss Betty Pearl, Lewis Walden, Justin Bond and myself, so let's get those really good bribes rolling in, and remember, there is *no* Miss Congeniality award in this pageant. To Lewis Walden and Michael Blue, thanks a million for letting this brilliant legacy continue.

Sunday's been a hard spot to fill since Uranus closed and one of the new choices cropping up on that night is Itch at the DNA Lounge. Overseen by the gregarious Waiyde Palmer, Katherine from Dekadence and a host of other life-lovers from varous spots in clubland, Itch is a pleasantly disposed and friendly place to go and hear something few clubs seem to offer these days: musical variety. DJs Stephanie Phillips and Blackstone are a great pair. Stephanie is an archival Iron Maiden of kitsch, rock, disco and forgotten funk nuggets that have escaped your memory yet trap your ass on the floor 'til you sweat. Steph is fearless and will play anything, anything at all, from your favorite Patti Smith song to pop dreg punishment like "Disco Duck." After all an Iron Maiden *is* an instrument of torture. Blackstone blew me away there with one of the most human-feeling dance music sets I've enjoyed in ages, bouncing back and forth in time to deliver a groove that grabs your butt, not just the drugs you're on. So come on down and tear into this place. It's a unique venture to enjoy, free of the fear that high-decibel techno-monotony is mutating your DNA structure while you dance. Okay, maybe it was bad Ecstacy, but that one night at Carefree.. I swear to God... oh, never mind. ✿

lounging about by val c. phoenix

Is It the Right Time Yet?

It's that time again—time for me to grouse about the mainstream music nominations. The Grammy Awards will be handed out Feb. 24, but it's never too early to pick over the nominees. Before I get to that, though, I should say I am happy to see the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS), which produces the Grammys, has pulled out of all events scheduled in Colorado in order to support the boycott.

The decision was made by the NARAS board of directors, which sets policy on behalf of its 9,000 members active in the recording industry: performers, producers, engineers and my least favorite species, record company executives. The academy's loss from the cancellations is in the $35,000-$40,000 range. Though no dollar figure has been attached to Colorado's losses, the state is out of the running for the Grammy trustees' convention, to be held in May. NARAS will not participate in in-state conventions or the Grammy in the Schools program, and its president, Michael Greene, has withdrawn as keynote speaker at the Colorado Music Educators Association's convention scheduled for Jan. 29.

In the press release announcing the decision, Greene said, "America's enormous artistic contributions have always stemmed from our culture's commitment to pluralism and diversity, and the Recording Academy stands in opposition to all attempts to restrict the rights of any community.... No organization that's dedicated to cultural diversity and individual expression can stand idly by while personal liberties are violated."

In his conversation with me, Greene added, "This is not new for us. We've taken stands before," citing the academy's support for boycotts of Louisiana over the stickering of records and Arizona for not ratifying the King holiday. Said Greene, "We're getting a lot of letters from various chambers of commerce urging us to reconsider and saying it's just an internal issue, but our response is that racism wasn't just an Alabama issue, apartheid wasn't just a South African issue... These are all issues that have to do with the family of man [sic]."



It's definitely the right time for Etta James, who along with receiving a Grammy nomination for her new album, was one of the few women to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Photo by Don Miller

Since the decision, he said, he's received only one negative response from academy members, and of those artists residing in Colorado, the response has been unanimously positive. Though he wouldn't name names, Greene said several recording artists have told him they are striking Colorado from their touring schedules. "There's a lot of concern about this," he concluded. I should hope so.

While I'm in a good mood, I'd like to give a hearty welcome to Melissa Etheridge, who proclaimed at the gay and lesbian inaugural ball last week, "I am proud to say I've been a lesbian my whole life." Apparently Melissa was urged on by her new pal k.d. lang. Better late than never.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Now about those nominations. Well, first the good news. k.d. lang's *Ingenue* earned five nominations—four for her and one for the engineer. *Ingenue* is up for best album, while "Constant Craving" vies for Record of the Year and Song of the Year, the latter nomination shared by lang and collaborator Ben Mink. The competition includes Vanessa Williams for "Save the Best for Last," a sappy song but a bigger hit. We probably needn't worry, though, since everyone's predicting this will be Eric Clapton's big year.

Anyway, I can dream. I'll take some small measure of satisfaction if "Achy Breaky Heart" doesn't win Song of the Year. And please, spare



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us Billy Ray Cyrus as best New Artist, a category that includes Sophie B. Hawkins. I would have added TLC, whose sole mention comes in the R&B Song category for "Ain't 2 Proud 2 Beg," co-written by Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes.

Melissa Etheridge scored one nomination: Best Rock Vocal, Female for "Ain't It Heavy," as did Queen Latifah, up for Rap Solo Performance, with "Latifah's Had It Up 2 Here." Annie Lennox appears in a few select but big categories: *Diva* was tapped as Album of the Year, Pop Vocal, Female and Music Video, Long Form.

Those funky divas En Vogue obviously had the nominating committee flummoxed. The single "Free Your Mind" was nominated for both Rock Vocal, Duo or Group and Music Video, Short Form, while the album *Funky Divas* got the nod for R&B Vocal, Duo or Group. Go figure.

Another local artist, Linda Ronstadt, turned up in two categories: *Frenesi* was chosen for the Tropical Latin Album, Vocal or Instrumental category, while *Mas Canciones* made the grade in the Mexican-American Album, Vocal or Instrumental grouping.

Continuing our search, how about R&B Vocal, Female? Well, if it isn't Whitney "I'm Every Woman" Houston with "I Belong to You," going up against the original everywoman, Chaka Khan, for "The Woman I Am." Will Oleta Adams, Vanessa Williams and Shanice be mere onlookers at this spectacle? Only time will tell.

One of my favorite categories is the perennially dykey Contemporary Folk Album, Vocal or Instrumental category. True to form, this time it includes Joan Baez, with "Play Me Backwards," Indigo Girls' *Rites of Passage* and *Arkansas Traveler*, courtesy of Michelle Shocked.

Country offers some good matchups: Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Wynonna Judd and the very cute Lorrie Morgan are all in contention for Country Vocal Performance, Female. Inexplicably, Carpenter's duet with Joe Diffie, the weakest cut on *Come On Come On*, was tapped for Country Vocal Collaboration. Carpenter also has a co-writing nomination for "I Feel Lucky," which is up against the ubiquitous "Achy Breaky Heart." Go, Chapin.

ETTA LETS IT ROCK

Not only did Etta James pick up a nomination in the Contemporary Blues Album category for *The Right Time*, but she was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this month, an impressive comeback for a pioneering singer who was being written off just a few years ago. James, who had her first R&B hit in 1955 with "Roll With Me Henry" ("The Wallflower"), has always stuck to her guns, and is finally reaping the benefits.

The Right Time, produced by Jerry Wexler (Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles) and recorded in Muscle Shoals, finds her in fine voice and backed up by a 13-piece band. It's very "contemporary," almost too much so for my liking. There's so much instrumentation, it almost overwhelms the singer's voice—and that takes some doing.

Still, James makes each song her own, with a mix of originals and covers, most notably her own "Let It Rock" and the classic "Nighttime Is the Right Time." The horn section is used to good effect on "Love and Happiness," which simmers accordingly. On the downside, there's an anemic duet with Steve Winwood, another one of those "contemporary" touches I could do without. It could have been worse—it could have been Don Henley.

Then there's the matter of James' induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. As with any Hall of Fame, it's designed to be an elite group, and I guess they've succeeded in that aim. The self-selecting royalty of industry insiders has deemed a total of 102 individuals or collaborations worthy of inclusion. Of that number, only ten are women. I don't think it'll take up too much space to list them as they were chosen, though I could go on for pages filling in the omissions. Selected under "Performers": Etta James, Ruth Brown, LaVern Baker, Tina Turner (with Ike Turner), the Supremes, Aretha Franklin; under "Non-performers": Carole King (with Gerry Goffin); under "Early Influences": Dinah Washington, Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith. The annual ceremony is private, by invitation only and costs $1,250. Long live rock, the people's music.

Finally, here are two un-nominated bands. Mecca Normal plays the Chameleon on Feb. 5. Japanese punk band Shonen Knife comes to town for two shows: Slim's Feb. 10 and the DNA Feb. 12. ✿

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Authentic Mexican w/Authentic Charm

For some, when Mom is cooking the kids are sure to be away from home. My friend Alan's mom cooked up some pretty scary dinners, with canned product X and packaged product Y combined into a frightening casserole Z. But, thank goodness, for me, whenever my Mom was in the kitchen a great meal was guaranteed.

Mom Is Cooking, child of Abigail Murillo and her brother Rick, serves some of the best Mexican food I've tasted outside of Mexico. The three-roomed hole in the wall may not be best in terms of service, or the brightest spot architecturally—with cheesy bas relief depictions of missions, bad knotty pine panelling, and not much else—but I say the food is authentic, and so is the service. We spent two-and-a-half hours over our meal, a duration that could have been halved had our servers been attentive. Friendly as could be, they eventually made their way to our table. And food arrived hot, quickly, and disappeared fast, once we had a chance to order.

Bowls of chips and salsa (second helpings are 50 cents) were brought to the table after some time. These home-fried corn tortilla chips, dipped into the vinegary, fiery hot sauce, whetted our appetites and had us begging for more chips and more service. We finally ordered. Drinks arrived. An authentic mug of **Mexican Chocolate** ($1.65) came steaming, aromatic with the "cocoa" tinged with sugar and *canela*, Mexican cinnamon. A tiny dish of **Chimol**, or salsa fresca ($1.50), tasted fresh and zippy, with lime, tomato, onion, cilantro and garlic. An order of **Guacamole** ($4.95), made of avocados, lime, garlic and tomato, was chunky, tangy and sweet.



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Boquitas ($3-$4.50) top the menu, and make the perfect starters. These crisp corn tortilla are crowned with refried beans (like you've never tasted), guacamole, sour cream, and a choice of meats or vegetables. Note that at this point food was flying toward our table so fast, and was being consumed by my housemates so quickly, that my notes are sketchy and infused with verve. Sometimes I could only find time to scribble one word (Spicy! Sweet! Authentic!) before the next forkful somehow found its way to my anxious mouth. Another great little starter was the **Periquito** ($1.50), two Dante-esque jalapenos deep-fried and covered with melted cheese and hot sauce.

The **Potpourri Mexicano** ($8.95) has to be one of the best deals in town. On an enormous plate come a "light as can be" tamale, made from ground hominy, steamed to an airy, delicate perfection; a **Quesadilla** of fresh corn tortillas with a sharp, flavorful melted Monterey cheese, a **Chalupa**, or hand-made, oval-shaped tortilla, topped with a zesty "coleslaw" of shredded cabbage and carrots; guacamole; a **Tlacoyo**, a thick, substantial tortilla; **Nopales**, stewed, musky cactus at once sweet and astringent; **Chorizo**, a spicy pork sausage minced and served in a spicy sauce; plus refried beans, more chimol, and on and on. I began to realize that true Mexican cuisine concentrates on spice mixtures and nuances of flavor, like East Indian cuisine, and that an intriguing world of culinary wizardry lay before me.

A delicious soup, **Caldo Xochitl** (99 cents with your meal) will twist the English-speaker's tongue with its name, and soothe your tummy with its smooth taste of pinto beans. The **Tamale Covered With Mole Sauce** ($2.50) brought another heavenly dish, filled with shredded chicken and onions, napped with the mole of cocoa blended with mysterious spices, and wrapped in a corn husk. Tamale lovers are in for a real treat in the combination of flavors and the texture of the tamales themselves. A simple, homey dish, the **Chilaquile** ($4.95), was composed of tortilla strips pan-fried, tossed with tomatillo salsa and sour cream and sprinkled with fresh-cut radishes. Eggs are sometimes added to make a Mexican matzoh brie.

And the carnival continued, a pleasant way of saying, "We gorged ourselves with everything on the menu." For the sake of my readers, surely. A fragrant dish of **Gallina con Chorizo** ($5.95) brought a spicy chicken stew with plenty of rice and refried beans. (Are you still picturing Rosarita with the word refried? Get her out of your thoughts, and imagine a wonderful beany mash instead!). One of the most expensive items on the menu, the **Camarones al Ajo** ($8.95) failed to impress me; I found these jumbo prawns, breaded in a soggy and haphazard way, tasting unfortunately of burnt garlic, heavy and unpleasant.

It would have been impossible to stop at this point, so we blithely moved on to dessert. A sturdy **Flan** ($1.95) custard dripping with caramelized sugar, a **Bunuelo** ($1), or soggy fried tortilla topped with sugar syrup, and **Platanos con Crema** ($2), fried plantains (starchy bananas) with a slightly sour thickenened cream, illustrated Mexican sweets with the same luscious humility as the other dishes.

A long menu with a helpful glossary of terms is a plus. I found the pricing policy a bit unbalanced; the salsa fresca, a small dish, cost $1.50, while a whole tamale cost only $2.50; in any event, four of us, four strapping young men in their prime, ate—no, feasted—on a full meal with plenty of beverages and extras, for $60.

AROUND TOWN

King's Majestic Hamburgers, at 324 So. Van Ness, makes a great old-fashioned burger, the kind you'll need five or six napkins to finish. A cheap special of a double cheeseburger, with fries and soda for $4.50, would have me eating there more often, if it weren't for the red meat thing. Indulging myself there recently, I chowed on the double-pattied, pickle, lettuce, tomato-topped burger, complete with cheese, and was thrilled to taste the real thing; a sopping mess in my hands by the third bite—there is no other way to enjoy a hamburger.

Medioevo, recently opened at 1809 Union St., comprises a top-notch Italian restaurant, a medieval-style tavern and pub, and a circus. Former Fairmont chef Vincenzo Cucco turns out some fantastic dishes, mostly traditional versions of pastas, grilled meats, risottos, etc., but the setting is pure fantasy. Middle Agist furniture (some a bit too authentic and uncomfortable), candelabras, and jester-waiters provide a vivid touch of fun and mystery. Recommendations: the speck (smoked prosciutto) and gorgonzola bruschette, pappardelle del castellano (porcini-cream-pasta), and the filetto del granduca (beef filet with balsamic sauce). A good value, too, is the "Lord's Feast," an eight-course, $30 repast complete from appetizer to coffee. ✿

classics

BY CHING CHANG

King's Singers & Baroque Arts Ensemble

In their Silver Jubilee world tour, the King's Singers made a quick stop at the Herbst Theater last week, offering an assortment of goodies that included everything from Orlando di Lassus madrigals to a song by Manhattan Transfer. From countertenor David Hurley (his top notes would put any Queen of the Night to shame) to bass Stephen Connolly's solid low C, these six highly trained singing Englishmen make up one of the small pioneering a capella ensembles in the international scene, even though they seem to enjoy a lot more popularity outside the British Isles (where, arguably, Peter Phillips' Tallis Scholars still reign supreme). Many other all-male a capella ensembles—like SF's own Chanticleer—were to a certain extent fashioned after the King's Singers.

Having appeared on radio programs, "The Tonight Show" and PBS documentaries, they have developed a following throughout the United States, Asia and Europe with their cleverly mixed (and highly marketable) programming, which typically starts off (as it did this time around) with 'respectable' repertoire such as late Renaissance motets and madrigals, and moves on to close-harmony popular tunes, which can be anything from McCartney to the Transfer.

Opening the selections with a set of Nederlandish Sacred Music (Lassus' *Domine, Dominus noster* and Adrian Willaert's *Ave Virgo*), the evening started off shakily, though it was most likely the fault of the Herbst Theater. It would certainly have helped if San Francisco Performances had booked Grace Cathedral for this concert instead, as the Herbst, known for its dry acoustics, is particularly unkind to small vocal ensembles. If listeners were hoping for a cathedral-like dimensionality (rather important for this genre of vocal literature), their expectations went unfulfilled. Though the King's Singers' six individual voices tried hard to blend by using all of the tricks at their command (control, musical sensitivity, vowel coloration), the magic chemistry of overtones and sound reverberation was lost on the Herbst's plastered walls.

However, the Herbst can only be partly to blame for the ineffectiveness of the set of Italian madrigals by Monteverdi and Gesualdo that followed. In their rendition of the three Gesualdo madrigals (*Languisce al Fin, Luci Serene e Chiare* and *Moro Lasso al Mio Duolo*), the Singers rushed through the score as if they had a plane to catch. Carlo Gesualdo, an eccentric in his time, employed some of the most unconventional harmony of the period, but rather than allowing those sensuous, painfully sick and twisted sound combinations to come through, the King's Singers decided instead to treat the Herbst audience to a quickie with no foreplay.

The rest of the program was more satisfactory, especially since the livelier cathedral-like reverberation was no longer expected for the remainder of the repertoire. After closing the first half of the concert with Gian Carlo Menotti's playful and whimsical *Moans, Groans, Cries and Sighs: A Composer at Work* (a piece which was composed for the King's Singers), the Singers came back after intermission to perform four-part songs by Brahms, and closed with the crowd pleasing ar-

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rangements of light American popular repertoire.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary, the King's Singers will appear in a special gala concert in Ann Arbor, Mich., on May 2 (the anniversary of their first public appearance) and are releasing four albums under their new label, BMG, this year.

BAROQUE ARTS ENSEMBLE

Under Carol Negro, the Baroque Arts Ensemble presented a semi-staged reading this past weekend of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* at SF's St. Paul's Church. Generally considered the most important English contribution to baroque opera, I often think of Dido as an example in the relativity of human experience and perception. What I mean is that, when considering the depth of feeling and drama imparted in Dido's famed lament (''When I am laid in earth''), don't you wonder why someone like Giacomo Puccini would even bother to write Tosca's grotesque suicide scene some 200 years later? Obviously, Puccini (poor thing) thought he had something to say without realizing that it had already been said a thousand times better, some two centuries before his time. Now, before you begin feeling sorry for old Giacomo, just remember that *Tosca* is probably a thousand times more popular than *Dido and Aeneas*.

The Baroque Arts Ensemble performance offered some nice things, although there was some unevenness. Dressed in a tuxedo, an imposing looking Carol Negro conducted conservatively, trying to keep a proper balance in what appeared to be a rather tricky positioning of her musical forces. Mezzo Pam Matthews did a satisfactory job as Dido, though sometimes a greater range of interpretation could have helped her characterization. Raymond Martinez, as Aeneas (Dido's lover who, however, places his love for God first) had a wonderfully soft and caressing tone, particularly evident at the end of phrases.

Undoubtedly, the outstanding scenes belonged to the Sorceress (aptly sung and portrayed by soprano Anne Bingham) and her wayward sisters (the first and second witches, sung by Zoe Scott and Sally Hauter), who are given some of the best lines (''Wayward sisters, you that fright /The lonely traveller by night /Who like dismal ravens crying /Beat the windows of the dying /Appear! Appear at my call, and share in the fame!'') as they begin to plot against Dido.

The chorus sang with a beautiful, light and clear tone. It was unfortunate that St. Paul's Church seemed to swallow most of their consonants, with the exception of final ''T's.'' The small instrumental ensemble had the right idea as far as musical intent was concerned, but unfortunately, clarity was lacking, especially in the strings. Bert Crews' stage direction was an acceptable compromise, given what he had. Dance is a crucial part of this particular opera, and a small ensemble of dancers could have added immensely to this modest production.

The Baroque Arts Ensemble's next concert will be on March 27 and 28, when they perform Bach's Cantatas nos. 70 and 103. Call the West Marin Music Festival, (415) 663-9650, for info. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

Assassins

The Sondheim-Weidman musicalized fantasy on the assassins and would-be assassins of American presidents is currently receiving a splendidly mounted and sung production at San Jose Civic Light Opera. Notwithstanding director Dianna Shuster's imaginative staging and Ken Holamon's fine set, the musical is a confused, disturbing and arbitrarily connected set of vaudeville sketches that fail to instruct, move or, other than sporadically, entertain us.

The show opened off-Broadway in 1991 to mixed critical reviews that precluded a move to Broadway. It has been subsequently mounted in London and in 30 small community or college theaters in the past year.

In a theatrical work as controversial in content as this, it is more important than ever to understand the objective of the composer and author. Librettist Weidman has stated that there are fundamental questions that need to be asked about America and that their answers will make us a stronger and better people. So far so good. But I failed to discern any common questions or answers that the team came up with. ''Something Just Broke,'' a new song added for the London and San Jose productions, was intended to dramatize and help the audience re-experience the national pain and grief of the Kennedy shooting. So much for good intentions.

Sondheim has been quoted as saying, ''We did not just want to have a series of sketches, but a cumulative effect and a point of view.'' But what the creative team delivered *is* a series of sketches, a cumulative impression that the assassins *didn't* have much in common, and a point of view expressed in the first and most tuneful song:

''Everybody's got the right/ To be happy.../ Everybody's got the right/ To their dreams.../ Everybody has a right to fail.''

While several of the assassins claimed political/social agendas, only John Wilkes Booth's character gives the impression of being motivated ''to avenge the ravaged South'' by altering the course of history. The real connecting link—and perhaps the only one—is the Balladeer (Ric Iverson), who strolls through the sketches introducing the assassins, telling their stories and joining them in song.

Most of Sondheim's villains would appear to be simply deluded crazies working out their own dark demons. Some are perhaps just overanxious for their own 15 minutes of fame. In a provocative and extended sketch, Lee Harvey Oswald is discovered on the sixth floor of the Texas Schoolbook Depository preparing to commit suicide after penning a farewell note to his wife. He is visited by the ghosts and living spirits of the other assassins who, under the self-proclaimed leadership of the charismatic Booth, plead for him to take his place in history by ''connecting with us.''

Mounted as vaudeville, the musical occasionally slides into burlesque (Hinckley fires frantically at pop-up cardboard heads of Ronald Reagan). The score borrows from folk ballads, Stephen Foster, Copeland and Bernstein and introduces phrases hauntingly similar to the melodic ideas from *Into the Woods* and *Sunday in the Park With George*.

Assassins' anti-heroes include Giuseppe Zangara (Robert Jensen) as the immigrant bricklayer who fired at Franklin Roosevelt and missed; Leo Czolgosz (Price Waldman), an anarchist and admirer of Emma Goldman, who shot William McKinley in a reception line; Charles Guiteau (Timothy Arrington) who, seeking ap-

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pointment as ambassador to France and being rebuffed by President Garfield, shot him in the back; Samuel Byck (Brad Blaisdell), who planned to crash-dive a commercial jet into Nixon's White House before he killed himself; Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme (Julia Kiley) and Sara Jane Moore (Mary Beth Peil), both of whom failed in their separate attempts to shoot President Ford in Sacramento and San Francisco; and John Hinckley, Jr. (Matthew A. Ballin), who seriously wounded four others while aiming at President Reagan.

Considering the musical's theme, one might have expected a more serious attempt to reveal these malcontents' psychological motivations and a less frivolous musicalization of these dark episodes in our history. A cakewalking Guiteau mounting a stairwell to the hangman's noose while singing, "I Am Going to the Lordy" (a poem he actually composed on the morning of his execution) is at best a cheap shot at a pathetic psychotic. What might well be a zany skit from "Saturday Night Live" pairs a ranting "Squeaky" Fromme and a spaced-out Sara Jane Moore as two incompetent misfits waiting to ambush President Ford. Failing to recognize him when he stumbles and falls in front of them, they forget to fire, spill their bullets on the ground, then pick them up and throw them at him while shouting, "Bang! Bang!"

But the most disquieting image (and not in the original script, either) is the final visual. As the assassins gather to reprise "Everybody's Got the Right," an American flag is lowered and a woman in a black dress and veil and a small child take their place before it. The boy raises his hand in a salute. We all know the image from the Kennedy funeral, here reduced to slap-in-the-face theater.

Barbara Day Turner conducted the implemented chorus and nine-piece orchestra; Cathleen Edwards designed the costumes; and Ken Holamon designed the bunting-draped shooting gallery flanked by 30-foot-high cut-outs of Uncle Sam. Holamon died of complications from AIDS on Saturday, Jan. 9, one week before the opening of his final show. He had designed 28 San Jose CLO musicals, including *Pacific Overtures, Sweeney Todd, Follies* and, most recently, *Phantom*.

Assassins plays through Saturday, Jan. 30, at the San Jose CLO. Call (408) 971-1212.

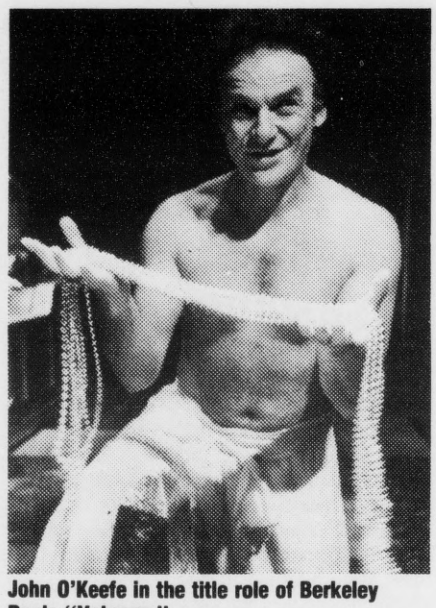
Volpone

Joan Holden, through her social-satirist pen, has brought the soul of the San Francisco Mime Troupe indoors. Her adaptation of Ben Johnson's comedy of 17th century manners is the kind of wild, abandoned romp we are used to seeing in the open air of Bay Area parks. "Outrageousness reigns" heralded an early Berkeley Repertory news release for the play. Indeed it does.

Using a theme as common to playwrights as the one of ill-fated lovers, Jonson's ribald plot has cunning Volpone (the Fox) stretched out on his bed pretending imminent death in order to fleece a number of acquaintances who believe they alone will inherit his fortune. Daily, they proffer gifts while praying for his quick demise. Volpone is aided and instructed with malevolent savvy by his manservant Mosca (the Fly), as played by Geoff Hoyle, a man of a thousand faces, all funny.

Director Anthony Taccone has created a carnival of greedy grotesques for our delectation. Costumed by Gabriel Berry in shimmering gold fabrics, silver ruffs, Ziegfeldian see-through hoop skirts, feathered headgear, glittery bustiers, and immodest codpieces of sculptured metal, the actors offer a parade of opulent decadence.

Kent Dorsey's centerpiece is a sumptuous Venetian bed that glides in and out with its sickly but always horny Volpone. Stairwells to other levels, a dumbwaiter that lifts its occupants to an



John O'Keefe in the title role of Berkeley Rep's "Volpone." Photo by Ken Friedman

overhead bridge and doors that open onto mysterious passageways complete the aura of Grand Canal intrigue.

Setting the tone for this somewhat self-conscious romp is jockstrapped and bareassed Toth (San Francisco street musicians Michael Thomas Chiaravelotti and Stephen Kaufman), who provides the fiddle and drum overture and then reappears with musical commentary throughout the evening. Selwynn Emerson Miller, Juan Crovetto & Friends, and Cintra Wilson (she flashes a penis as Androgyno) are Volpone's resident fools, who serve a recurring "send in the clowns" function.

Among the regulars who deliver lavish gifts of jewels and silver to the "dying" Volpone is Julian Lopez-Morillas as the fawning lawyer who will later lose his case in court and be dragged off mad and screaming. Jarion Monroe is the insanely jealous husband of the gorgeous Susan Patterson. Fearful of losing his promised inheritance, he thrusts his virtuous wife into Volpone's bed.

Irving Israel is the doddering, deaf Corbaccio, who disinherits his own son (Hector Correa) in a ploy of Mosca's to add to Volpone's swelling fortune. Inventive Mosca has seemingly outwitted everyone, including his benefactor, in a double-crossing ruse that gets him named sole beneficiary. Faking his own death, Volpone takes to the streets to enjoy the scandal of Mosca's inheritance while Mosca struts about, will in hand, like a grand gentleman. Justice and/or mercy will be meted out by the courts.

Charles Dean, in a brilliant cameo performance as a tic-driven dairy keeper, is Sir Politic Would-Be, and Sharon Lockwood, too wound-up and prattling in an undecipherable speech pattern, is his Lady. Robert Sicular is Peregrine. The latter three characters might well have been excised entirely for the betterment of this already overlong comedy.

For all its farcical comings and goings, it's Mosca's play and Geoff Hoyle makes of this scheming parasite a personal triumph.

Volpone continues at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre through March 5. Call (510) 845-4700.

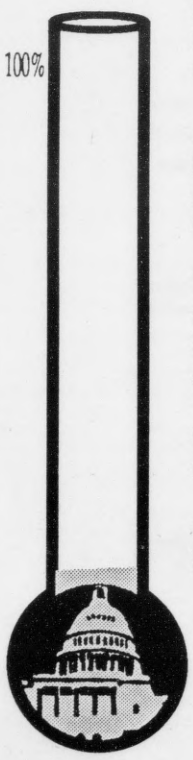
Crying Holy

In its decade-long commitment to developing and producing drama that addresses the impact of AIDS on the lesbian and gay community, Theatre Rhinoceros is currently presenting poet Wayne Corbitt's *Crying Holy*, an emotional and probing study of an African-American family in denial.

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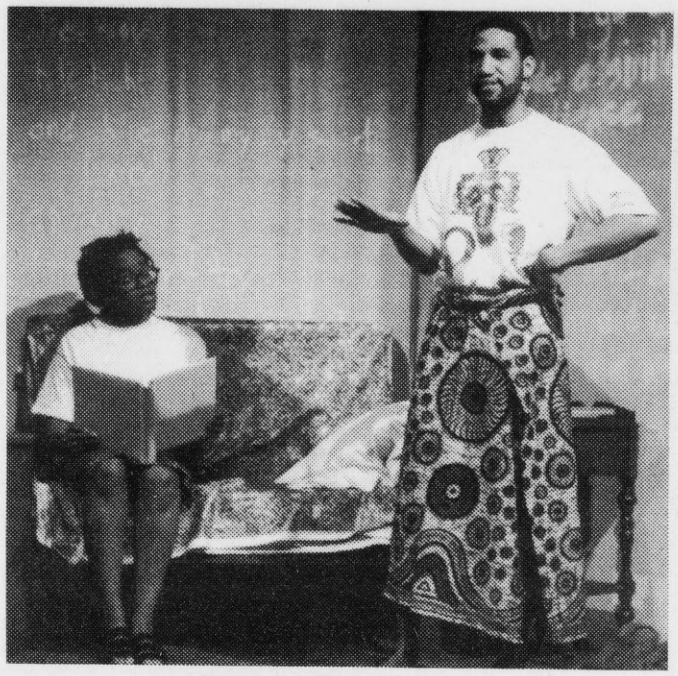
will speak to everyone but, according to the playwright, is directed at his own community. "It's important to emphasize that Black people get AIDS, that Black Christian people get AIDS, and that we need more than prayer." And *that* is the exact premise of *Crying Holy.*

Directed by Edris Cooper, the play's strong cast features Daniel Armand Coles as Waters, Laura Nicholls as his friend Meredith, Phillesia Phillips as sister Clarissa, Brandi Swann as half-sister Loretta, and Hallyne B. Harris as Mother Bell, a preacher and strong-willed family head. Pam Peniston's multi-level set (living room, kitchen and bedrooms at upper left and right) features five rear panels scribbled with the barely legible poetry of the play's protagonist. Like accusing signposts, some phrases stand out: "camouflage closets... quietude... assimilation... patience... all past," and the leitmotif, "still... as who I am I cannot go home."

In mourning for his lover who has died and himself diagnosed with AIDS, Waters returns to visit his matriarchal family with his dyke girlfriend Meredith, a Londoner with a Ph.D. in anthropology. She is the source of strength that will see him through his homecoming.

Admitting that he has turned depression into an art form, Waters shrugs off the statement with the somewhat proud explanation, "I am a poet." Determined to force his family's verbal acceptance of his HIV-positive condition, he refers to himself as a "40-year-old Mama's Boy," who wants to rest his head on Mother Bell's sympathetic bosom.

Sisters Clarissa and Loretta, out of politeness, shyness, or simply not wishing to rock the boat, ignore his illness and miscellany of pills with some blithe chatter about picnic food and a giggly, sly reference to his pierced nipples. There is a sweet ease between Waters and Clarissa, and their challenging banter offers some of the play's most ingratiating moments. Sister Loretta is more reserved. In a private moment she tells us that she was there for Mother Bell before Waters was born and that when he is gone Mother Bell will turn to her again. Thank God for a bit of dysfunction in this average American family!



Laura Nicholls and Daniel Coles in Wayne Corbitt's powerful drama "Crying Holy" at Theatre Rhino. Photo by Steve Savage

It is the prepossessing Mother Bell herself who dampens the homecoming. Long aware of her son's gay lifestyle, she is not prepared to admit that he has AIDS. She will not speak of it nor hear it discussed. She puts her faith in Jesus and in a dynamic first act set piece both pleads with and exhorts God to save her son. In another part of the house, a passionately inflamed Waters plays a contrapuntal theme with a raging declamation of his own poetry. A tricky duet to pull off, but it works.

In a frenzied last-ditch attempt to force his mother out of denial, Waters pursues her through the house reciting his symptoms—lapses of memory, numbed feet, ashy skin, blue fingernails. Hands to her ears, Mother Bell's only words of comfort are, "You must repent," and she retreats into the privacy of her own prayers.

Powerfully performed by both Coles and Harris, the drama exposes painful family conflicts that may well have no solutions. Is it only the need for comfort, or is it an egotistical compulsion to win in a contest of wills that compels Waters to confront his mother's denial? Misplaced as her reliance on prayer may be, stripping away her illusions may be more vengeful than merciful. As Sister Clarissa reminds him, "You can't just come home, drop a bomb, and leave me to handle the fallout."

Crying Holy continues at Theatre Rhinoceros through Feb. 20. Call 861-5079. ✿

Theater Briefs

TIMON OF ATHENS

Thick Description presents Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens.* There have been about 14 productions of this unpopular play in America (about half in the last 20 years), one of the most recent being the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival's revival in 1988. Written between 1606 and 1608, this tragedy of a deceived misanthrope is San Francisco's premiere production!

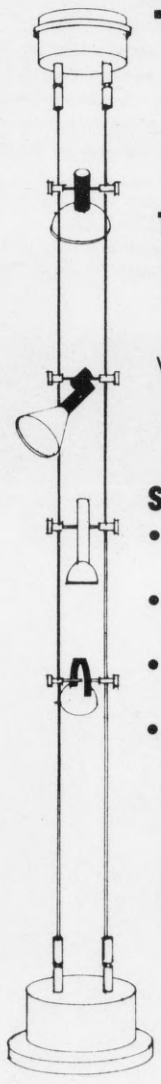
Directed by Tony Kelly, it is designed in modern dress by Kelly and Richard Olsted. The significantly cut text is by Karen Amano. The musical score features works by Duke Ellington, Philip Glass and J.S. Bach.

A wealthy nobleman, Timon (Kelvin Han Yee), lavishes rich gifts and high living upon friends, senators, painters, poets, merchants and hangers-on. Despite the warnings of his accountant servant (Norman Gee), he gives and gives until one day his money is gone. So are his friends. Appealing to them for loans to cover some pressing debts, he is rejected by all. Intent upon revenge and pretending that all is well again, he invites his corps of sycophants to a banquet. When the lids are lifted from the silver service, stones are revealed in simmering water. Fleeing the city's hypocrisy, this Lear-like madman scrounges a living in the desert, rages in self-pity, and refuses all attempts at reconciliation.

As Timon, Yee rips through his scenes with the unrestrained energy of a SoMa go-go dancer at the height of ecstasy. Maddened by society's rejection, he leaps, crawls, throws himself across the floor, and when he isn't shouting, declaims in hoarse whispers. It's an audacious interpretation, but considering that one can't feel real pity for this excommunicated ex-socialite, why not?

Playing multiple roles, the cast features Blancett Reynolds in a particularly striking performance as a calculating rich widow; Lewis Sims as

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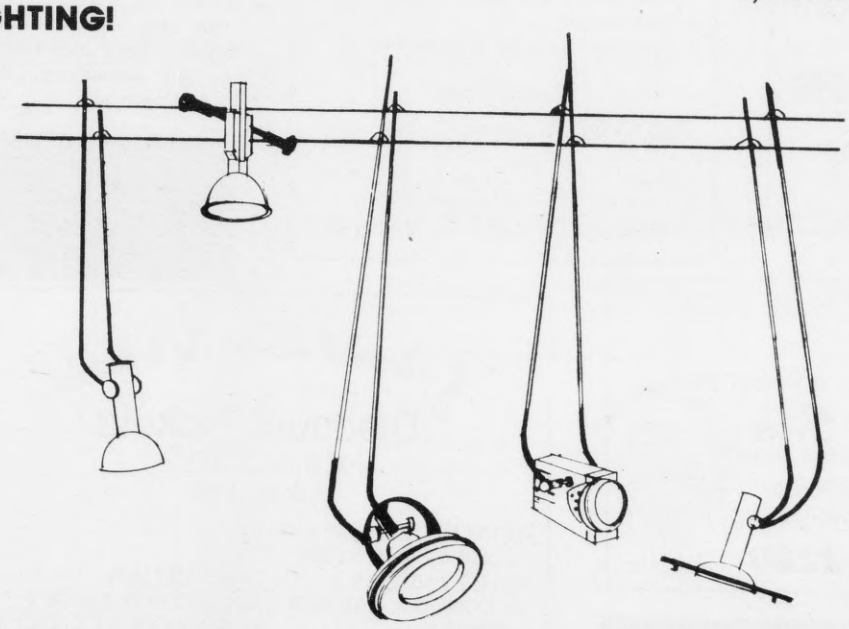
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Alcibides, issuing military orders on his cordless phone; and Rhonnie Washington as the senator Apemantus. Stephen Robinson and Lynn Odell rounded out a strong cast.

Timon of Athens continues at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, through Jan. 31. Call (415) 621-0507.

THE BRIEF BUT EXEMPLARY LIFE OF THE LIVING GODDESS (AS TOLD BY HERSELF)

Based on the Nepalese Hindu belief that a goddess loses her power when she bleeds, playwright Neena Beber's delightful series of allegorical scenes follows the career of a patently American living goddess during and following her reign. *The Brief but Exemplary Life* manages to enchant us with its sly wit as it meanders through an enigmatic odyssey. But when all is said and done (and the goddess has presumably bled), what moral has the fable revealed?

Ellen Idelson is the pre-pubescent goddess, recruited from poverty-stricken parents and, after it is determined that all of her 32 sacred orifices are intact, installed in the palace. There she rests on a throne (her feet are not allowed to touch the floor) and is served by two otherworldly retainers (John Balma and Kathleen Cramer in stunning performances as bizarre as anything in *Alice in Wonderland*). The goddess, who must refer to herself in the third person, appears briefly each day at her window to be worshipped by the masses. She passes her other waking hours watching TV cartoons. When the goddess asks her retainers a particularly perplexing question, she is reminded that she is omniscient. Unfortunately she doesn't know what the word means.

As in most fairy tales involving sealed-away princesses, a prince appears (Michael Chinyamurindi). He gives her a bicycle which she is allowed to accept but not ride. Among her other visitors is a former goddess (Lisa Porter) who hasn't much good to say about the outside world.

During a strobe-lighted palace coup, the goddess escapes. Penniless and hungry, she cannot pay the $1.50 for a piece of pie she has just consumed, but earns the cash by subjecting herself to the masturbatory whims of a dirty old man (John Balma) in a porn theater. The adult world has much to teach a young girl. She is evicted by a landlady, accosted by a crazed actress, and rejected by her parents along the way.

Handsomely staged and directed by Marcus Stern, and featuring an intriguing sound design by J.A. Deane, the play is beautifully acted by Idelson and the multiple-roled ensemble. And while each sequence tantalizes like exquisitely prepared hors d'oeuvres, the final effect is strangely unsatisfying. Like the song asks, "Is that all there is?"

The Brief but Exemplary Life continues at the Magic Theatre through Feb. 7. Call (415) 441-8822.

TEMPORARY GIRL

Actress, filmmaker and Bay Area native Lisa Kotin is currently performing her multimedia, one-woman portrayal of a permanent office temp at the Marsh. When she's funny, she's very, very funny. But when she lets down her creative discipline and goes for the cheap laughs, she's not. I thought her opening bit weak, unfocused and poorly paced. One's overall impression, though, is of a woman possessed by a zany streak with a mind of its own. While some of her skits barely rise above the challenge of a "Saturday Night Live" blackout, a few are remarkably true and incisive.

Kotin plays would-be actress Jeanette Byren(stein) who tells us she works as a temp because it liberates her from routine. So much for self-delusion.

As she rushes from temp job to temp job, she files, staples, pecks at her computer, and plans her career moves. Always the outsider, she is the butt of the other women's gossip and the men's indifference. (In one of a score of filmed episodes, the daydreaming Jeanette is set upon by three semi-nude office workers and ravished.)

Her major goal is simple: to get an agent. Minor goals include stocking up on office donuts (what she can't eat goes into her purse along with a stapler and other desk-top accessories), and running off copies of her head shots on the office copying machine. Much of her temp day is spent in phoning her own number to see if anyone has called, and she has developed a nice cough to disguise the dialing of a three-digit, out-of-the-area call.

Variously wigged and coutured, Kotin also introduces other women into her temp routine. Best of the lot was a sleek, voracious female account executive who destroys male and female alike with her acid-laced, though superficially sweet tongue. (And who among us has not been at *her* mercy?) This was a devastatingly funny portrayal of an all-too-true corporate type.

Also making appearances were an older secretary, dragged unwillingly into the 1990s, who can't cope with a computerized existence; a recently married secretary who has somehow confused her sex life with her dinner menu; and the old-time office manager who has no life outside the company.

The curtain raiser was a brief movie called *Toupee or Not Toupee*. Don't ask.

Temporary Girl continues at the Marsh's alternative space, 1062 Valencia, through Feb. 28. Call 641-0235. ✿

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GENE PRICE

Once in a Blue Moon

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

Once in a Blue Moon, the new cabaret musical at the Cable Car Theatre, extended through Feb. 28, looks as if it has been put together on a shoestring (minimal props, three singers, one pianist, no costume changes) but what comes forth from that mostly bare stage is pure gold.

This utterly beguiling show is a treasure trove for lovers of show music. All the songs that Scott Grinthal, Anna Marie Gutierrez and Greg McKellan sing to Lauren Mayer's accompaniment are rarely heard numbers from Broadway shows produced from 1919 to 1950.

Here's a musical you hate to see end, even though you've been treated to more than 30 songs by the great names of the day—Rodgers and Hart, Jerome Kern, Dietz and Schwartz, Dorothy Fields, Vernon Duke, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, Noel Coward—and some others, who, though not quite in that first rank, published some first-class work over the years.

Based on a show originally conceived by Greg McKellan (who also directed), *Once in a Blue Moon* takes its title from the haunting tune written by Kern and Anne Caldwell for *Stepping Stones* in 1923. It's the closing number, sung in lovely harmony by the company.

Each of them shines earlier in solos, duets and trios. Gutierrez has the voice of an angel (reminding me occasionally of Barbara Cook). She melts your heart with the Dietz-Schwartz "I See Your Face Before Me," and turns up the heat with the obscure "Midnight Blue," a Joe Burke-Edgar Leslie number from "New Ziegfeld Follies of 1936."

The touching message of her "Wake Up and Dream," a Cole Porter number done in tandem with Grinthal, should stir long-buried thoughts of youthful aspirations in even the most confirmed cynic: "Listen, young man, you were once Peter Pan, and you've simply forgotten your theme. Wake up and dream."



"Once in a Blue Moon," featuring singers (l-r): Scott Grinthal, Anna Marie Gutierrez, and Greg McKellan, is a reprisal of forgotten and familiar songs from the '20s, '30s and '40s. The musical cabaret opens this weekend at the Cable Car Theatre. Photo by Alice G. Patterson

Gutierrez also displays a nice sense of comedy in her "I'll Tell the Man in the Street" duet with McKellan, in another Rodgers and Hart song called "I Want a Man" (which in other hands could be labored but which she makes deliciously funny), and in Porter's "Pets," a hilarious Bea Lillie kind of tune cut from *Let's Face It* in 1941.

McKellan and Grinthal blast out on their own in a rousing Dietz-Schwartz song, "A Shine on Your Shoes," which closes Act One. It's a real show-stopper.

Grinthal, a handsome young man with a great stage presence and a marvelous voice, does wonders with "A Ship Without a Sail" and "Sleepyhead," both by Rodgers and Hart. When he and Gutierrez do Kern's "All the Things You Are," the perfect song finds the perfect interpreters.

McKellan is the show's personality kid, a warm and impish performer who can sell a song with the best of them. He's the only one I know besides Michael Feinstein who has ever tackled "Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers," and he does it better.

His "Let's Go Eat Worms in the Garden" duet with Grinthal is uproarious; his "And Her Mother Came, Too" (by Ivor Novello) solo is a comic highlight, and his wistful "Until You Get Somebody Else" duet with Gutierrez is incredibly appealing. McKellan's big number is the tongue-twisting "You're a Builder Upper" by Arlen, E.Y. Harburg and Ira Gershwin, which he does with remarkable aplomb.

Expository remarks are kept to a minimum so that the songs themselves are the focus. But if you want to know more, more, more about the songs from the golden era of music, McKellan is your man. A musical historian/archivist as well as performer, McKellan has produced a series of tapes and compact discs on the Shadowland label that showcase show music from stage and film. He, Gutierrez and Grinthal can be heard on *Sing Before Breakfast,* and the latest, *You Can't Put Ketchup on the Moon.* ✿

Jew Meat

There is little doubt that *Jew Meat,* the three-man performance work at Josie's, takes the prize for the most audacious, provocative title in the current season of in-your-face performance art. Sold-out houses reflect widespread community interest, but as the performers have no local track record, lining up to buy a ticket is a little like buying a pig in a poke. What's the product?

I wish I could say I loved the show, or even liked it a lot. But I didn't. It seemed unstructured, not sufficiently pointed, and at times looked suspiciously like improv—though the work *has* been performed previously at Santa Monica's Highways. If this trio wants to develop kvetching into high and hilarious art, they should read Steven Berkoff's *Kvetch.* So, *nu,* give it a look.

The flyer for *Jew Meat* asks the question, "What's it like to be historical vessels for society's dark side and how to dive into that cosmic body stew for personal/collective power." Quite a mouthful for a 90-minute series of hit-and-miss sketches that ends with the three men reprising—in the nude—a bit of line dancing, after which one of them removes his leather cock ring and snaps it onto another's genitalia. Cosmic body stew for personal/collective power? Well, maybe.

OK, OK, the guys are individually ingratiating. They just haven't, at this stage, come up with a professional act. In their workaday professions, their credentials are impeccable. Douglas Sadownick is an activist, journalist (*Village Voice, Advocate*) and has completed his first novel. Matt Silverstein has an MFA in directing and practices as a sexual healer in classrooms and private sessions. John Ellis is a sixth grade teacher, an actor and a dancing performance artist.

The opening, oddly lacking in theatrical dynamics, offers a slight dance piece after which the men introduce themselves and their vital statistics. Then Doug states the show's premise: "Let's talk about the good things about being Jewish… being fabulous *and* neurotic." School, family, religion, sex—all of the normal tribulations of growing up gay are remembered. When John tells his mother he is gay, her response is immediate: "You're kidding. I knew it. You're kidding. I knew it."

The skit about the absence of the primal father escaped me, but the one in which the trio assumes their mothers' roles offered the best comedic potential (though snappier timing and broader kibbitzing might be in order). As the three men ritually put on lipstick ("Try to stay inside the lines"), add earrings, gold necklaces, and file their nails, each answers a written question from her son designed to open the floodgates of guilt. Douglas, as his mom, defends herself: "I'm not a complainer, but my life has been a mistake in every way."

One sings a song in Yiddish his grandfather taught him; one remarks that in San Francisco you can get butt-fucked at a bus stop but you can't smoke in a public place; one recalls being caught by his father in his mother's red dress and pearls; one sang and interpolated comments in a tap danced version of "Me and My Shadow."

Then they stripped for the finale. If they're trying to send a message to the folks at the National Endowment for the Arts, what's the message? Nudity for its own sake is boring, fellas, unless it's done naturally (as in *Hair*) or is staged wittily, dramatically, or better yet—erotically. ✿





film

Tomlin, et al. Ignite Castro

by Val C. Phoenix

"I'm reprising some oldies," said Lily Tomlin as she nervously paced the stage of the Castro Theatre. Accepting the applause, she added, "Well, out of necessity, you see." Tomlin never explained the source of her discomfort, but if she wasn't particularly revelatory, that didn't seem to rattle the cages of the sell-out house at the Castro on Jan. 22. Performing in a benefit for *The Celluloid Closet*, a film version of Vito Russo's groundbreaking book about lesbian and gay portrayals on the movie screen, Tomlin headlined an event that included Harvey Fierstein, comic Marga Gomez, drag wiz Lypsinka and a special appearance by Robin Williams.

Currently in pre-production, *The Celluloid Closet* will feature narration by David Leavitt from a script based on Russo's book. It is being overseen by producer/directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman and co-producer Michael Lumpkin with the intention of showing "the history of gay images in Hollywood movies over the last 100 years and by extension a history of the way mainstream society has viewed homosexuals." Urged on by Russo's invocation to "write our own history," the filmmakers have a script in hand and have compiled a list of desired clips, but need to raise money to get the film through the editing process.

On hand at the benefit to support the project was lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer, who said, "After seeing *Color Adjustment*, I saw how important recovering the history of Blacks in TV and film is to understanding institutional media racism. I think the same thing with *Celluloid Closet*. Especially as I get older, I realize we're gonna get left out of history."

The gravity of the task was brought home by the not-so-subtle messages of the clips that were shown, like the cartoon "The Soda Squirt," in which a soda jerk feeds an effeminate character tacks and DDT, turning him into a monster. Or *The Detective*, featuring a self-hating gay character. On the lighter side was a clip of a youthful Larry Hagman condemning a "Sapphic" Candice Bergen in *The Group*.

As MC for the evening, Fierstein modeled his "basic lesbian" wear and reeled off a few catty comments. Mentioning that Williams is going to play Harvey Milk in the film version of Randy Shilts' book, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, Fierstein joked, "I'm gonna train him on the gay part."

Among the highlights of the three-hour show was Gomez's reading from a "lost" diary of Anais Nin, proclaiming the writer's lust in a dripping French accent. The apex of camp was reached with the pairing of Tomlin as Ernestine and Lypsinka for a lipsynch and dance number. Williams dropped in for a manic stream-of-consciousness schtick that ended with him declaring, "We're all homos. It's homo sapiens."

A more nostalgic and somber tone was set by Tomlin when she opened the show as singer Bobbi Jeanine. Sitting at the Castro's "Mighty Wurlitzer," she mimed playing while she looked back on the glory days of SF, dropping such historical names as Sylvester and the drag bar, The Black Cat. "I'm one gal who admires the cut of a good dress no matter who's wearing it," said Bobbi.

A generation gap may have opened up there, but Tomlin's reprisal of old routines (one was from 1962) went over well with the adoring crowd, even when she occasionally forgot her own lines. In Tomlin's hands, characters as varied as Bobbi, Ernestine, and the adolescent Edith Ann came to life, sometimes only for moments before the actress moved on to something else.

One greatly appreciated skit of "character schtick with a message" was Tomlin's self-described "classic": a child named Lily in love with her teacher, Miss Sweeney. All the sweetness and horror of baby dykedom were on display here, described with great reverence by Tomlin. It was the closest she came to being out.

The irony underlying her performance came to the surface when Tomlin said, "I'm very excited about coming to San Francisco. I've always wanted to play the Castro." Pause. "Let me leave it at that." Egging her on, an audience member yelled, "Are you a Lawrence Welk fan?" The phrase has become widely understood as a code word for "lesbian" since k.d. lang started using it jokingly to "come out" to audiences this year. Tomlin seemed puzzled and responded, to unintentional comic effect, "I'm not, but Bobbi Jeanine is." ✿



"Last Call at Maud's": Fascinating interviews with lesbian luminaries.



"An Evening With Lily Tomlin" at the Castro Theatre: (l-r): Harvey Fierstein, Rob Epstein, Lily Tomlin, Jeffrey Friedman, Robin Williams. Photo by Marc Geller



"The Enchantment," part of the Japanese queer film fest at the Kabuki.

Last Call at Maud's

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

I remember Maud's. I lived on Cole St. for a while, and I'd stop in there for a nightcap on my way home from a show. Sometimes I'd opt for Maud's as the meeting place for a one-on-one with an old friend, and sometimes it proved to be the perfect low-key rendezvous spot for starting out with a new acquaintance. Maud's was never a glamorous place, but it certainly was a friendly down-home neighborhood lesbian bar. In fact, until its closing in September 1989, Maud's was the longest-lasting lesbian-owned lesbian bar in the world.

Like many, I took Maud's for granted, assuming it would always be around as a sometime alternative to the dance and cruise clubs which had begun to spring up in the mid and late '80s. And like many, I was sad to see it go. With all the thousands of heterosexual bars and with Castro Street booming with its gay men's bar scene, Maud's was one of only two bars left catering exclusively to lesbian needs. Open day and night, for many women it was an easy haven in the midst of the daily grind.

Thanks to director Paris Poirier and her lover, producer Karen Kiss, we now have a film all about the venerable institution and its role as a lesbian watering hole throughout the late '60s, '70s and 80s. I'm sure this film will be a special treat for those regulars who formed the core social group: the softball team, the yearly Pussies talent line-up, the bartenders, the friends of owner Rikki Streicher, and other associated Maudies. For those like myself, who were more peripheral customers, it's great fun to share the memories with those who kept the place going and who kept Maud's open for three generations' worth of lesbian shenanigans.

The film *Last Call At Maud's* features interviews at the bar with lesbian luminaries such as Judy Grahn, Sally Gearhart, Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon, JoAnn Loulan, Mary Wings, Pat Norman, Susan Fahey and of course, Rikki Streicher. Each of them, along with numerous others, share their feelings, reminiscences, and political insights, describing what Maud's meant to them and its significance to the community at large. We see photos of the gals from their youth through their middle-age and for some, into their elderhood.

The history of Maud's parallels the evolving herstory of the lesbian community and the gay rights movement overall. As the longest-lasting lesbian bar, it was witness to and staging ground for all sorts of cultural changes. For many, lesbian bars have always been the place to connect with other lesbians. No matter how closeted women might be at work, no matter how isolated or new in town, women could find other lesbians at the bar. Coming out, followed by paying a first visit to a queer bar, has been a veritable rite of passage in the gay community. Throughout time, in different cities and countries, and whether one drinks or not, queer bars have always served as beacons for gay people in search of one another. And it was a bar, after all, the *Stonewall*, which kicked off the public mobilization by queers for gay rights.

Cole Valley is just a hop from Haight-Ashbury, and Maud's was there to witness the influx of the long-haired hippie dykes of the time. It was there when Harvey Milk was killed. It was there through the beginning of the AIDS crisis. And it was there for the dykes on bikes after many Freedom Day parades.

Maud's was there for a long time, through all the highs, lows, costume changes, and political advances. When Maud's opened in 1966, women were prohibited by law from dancing with each other in public. Female bartending was also against the law at that time.

Paris Poirier has done a marvelous job with *Last Call At Maud's*. Without the intrusion of narration, she lets the women and the artifacts make their own statements. She's included archival footage from patrons' personal collections of photographs, home videos, and memorabilia. We see photos shot at WWII San Francisco mixed gay bars like The Black Cat, and early dyke bars like Tommy's, Mona's and Chi Chi's—all precursors of Maud's. We see headlines from the newspapers describing underground gay bars as "resorts for sexual perverts." We hear about police raids and gay patrons finding their names listed in the morning newspapers. There were even raids at Maud's and alarms which would go off, warning the girls to stop dancing together. Rikki Streicher tells us that when she opened the bar in 1966, it was called Maud's Study. She says, "People would talk to each other on the phone and say, 'Well do you want to go to the library tonight?' That's how careful one had to be back then."

Everyone in the film has her story of what the bar scene has meant for her. Judy Grahn tells of going into her first gay bar in Washington, D.C. when she was 21; she describes it as her first descent into an underworld. In speaking of the early bars, Grahn says, "I think what was important about the early bars, why we went to them when it was really so fraught for everyone, was that you might meet a sexual partner, you might meet some friends. But more than that you might be recognized as gay, you might be seen as a lesbian... It wasn't just about loving women, but it was a whole cultural underground that didn't exist anywhere else, except in that milieu."

There are a lot of bar stories in the film, but one of my favorites was related by Hydie Downard, a Maudie since the late '60s who is still active in the local community. On camera we see Janis Joplin, slumping on the bar counter. Hydie goes into her story: "So, Janis Joplin came into the bar and I thought this was my big chance. So I put 'Another Piece of My Heart' on the jukebox and sang my heart out into my beer bottle like a microphone. I mean, I really tried my best. And I think, okay, now she's going to say something. Then this note comes down the bar and it says, 'It took me 10 years in the street to get that song and you blew it in 10 minutes.' "

Author Mary Wings sums things up at the end, saying that she knows lesbian life is always transmuting into something else, and wondering in what kinds of places we'll be meeting each other ten years down the road. "Somehow," she says, "I hope we always do stay outlaws."

The very last word, of course, comes from Rikki, with tears in her eyes: "Why is Maud's closing after 23 years? Maybe 23 years is the answer." ✿

Japanese Queer Cinema Fest Presented in San Francisco

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

As in America, Japan is now experiencing a new surge in independent filmmaking. Unique, personalized and subversive films are attracting critical attention and drawing large audiences. Two films currently the rage in Tokyo deal openly with gay male relationships and their effects on the lovers' women friends. *Okoge*, which translates as scalded rice left in the bottom of a rice cooker, but which is closer in its slang meaning to our concept of fag-hag, is the hit of the year. It hasn't been released yet in America, but it's due to arrive this spring at the New Directors/New Films Festival in New York.

Here in San Francisco, it's been difficult to come by new films from Japan. Since the Kokusai Theater in Japantown was turned into a Denny's, there hasn't been much activity in the acquisition of Japanese films. But now, courtesy of Circa Cine Film Society, we are receiving some of these films and a four-day series of new Japanese cinema is being presented at the Kabuki from Feb. 8-11. The series is titled Nippon Film Now, and it's being coordinated by Tod Booth.

Eight feature films will be presented, spanning

a wide range of subject matter. The films are all somewhat bizarre and decidedly offbeat. Included is a first feature by a prolific porn video director, called *Skinless Night*. A steamy film noir, billed as an Eastern *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, comes to the screen in *Original Sin*. There's even a special-effects monster movie called *Zeiram*. But what's most interesting to me is the double bill being shown on Wednesday night, Feb. 10, including two twisted tales: *March Comes in Like a Lion* and *The Enchantment*. *March Comes in Like a Lion* is about an incestuous sister-and-brother relationship, acclaimed for its lyricism and candor. *The Enchantment* is about a psychiatrist obsessed with his lesbian client.

I've seen *The Enchantment* and recommend it to film noir fans interested in stylish multiple-personality thrillers. Director Shunichi Nagasaki took his story from a Tokyo newspaper article about a psychiatrist's obsession with a schizophrenic woman who had taken on the personality of her lesbian lover. The film takes on the sensational subject in a brooding, measured and stylized manner. Of course, it still expounds the age-old stereotype of the lesbian as an emotionally twisted seductress embarked on a suicidal journey. But the depth of the characterizations and the interesting and startling twists in the plot keep the film fresh and unpredictable.

Every character leads at least a double life. Themes of physical and emotional violence are inextricably bound, and Nagasaki shows *all* of his characters losing control and living out their darkest shadow lives. Strange triangles are formed from untenable couplings. Repressed memories of dead or ex-lovers reactivate traumas and fuel obsessive and violent behavior on the part of characters living as lost souls.

The Enchantment is not enchanting, if you think of enchanting as charming or delightful. The spell cast over the characters is nightmarish and vengeful. This is film noir, full of long shots up and down hospital corridors and through night streets flickering with police-car lights. It's a dark film shot in low light, with close-ups emerging from deep shadows.

As for the lesbian love scene, it's disturbed by the psychiatrist's menacing presence as well as by trauma resurfacing from the past. As crazy as they are, the women are certainly beautiful and sensually matched. They are very hot and also very cold—lovers lost in a dark night of the soul. The film stars Kumiko Akiyoshi, Masao Kusakari, and Kiwako Harada. The acting is superb. Modern Tokyo supplies the ominous backdrop. ✿

VISUAL AID



ARTISTS FOR AIDS RELIEF

Visual Aid

by Randy Turoff

Gays, bisexuals, and lesbians have always constituted a major presence in the arts community. The AIDS epidemic, striking down so many artists in their prime, has inflicted a particularly brutal toll on the arts community. Too many artists have left an incomplete legacy. High medical costs have forced many to abandon their creative output at just the time when they needed to be able to bring their work to some sort of completion. Often, an artist faced with death is also forced to choose between paying for art materials and paying for medical supplies.

Visual Aid, a nonprofit, grassroots Bay Area organization, is trying to help artists in need. The organization, founded in 1989, exists to help produce, present and preserve the work of artists living with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. Except for one full-time employee, it's comprised entirely of volunteers. To date, they've managed to turn over 95 cents of every dollar raised directly to their grantee artists. The money is given in the form of vouchers, to be used for the purchase of art materials and supplies.

Currently, grants of up to $1,000 a year are offered, and Visual Aid aspires to top the sum in the future. The organization subsists on fundraisers, donations and the small grants that have come in. They're hoping to receive a special grant this year from the NEA, but the decision is still pending. Since their beginning, Visual Aid has funded over 150 artists.

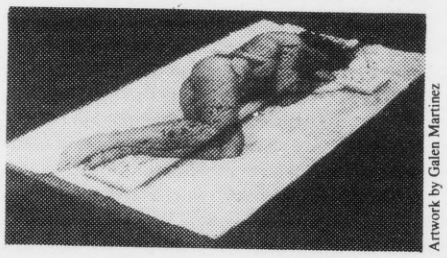
You may have seen or purchased some of the work done by Visual Aid artists. Their hottest-selling items are the Visual Aid T-shirts, which generated a lot of business at the Pride Parade, and the Folsom and Castro Street Fairs. Visual Aid has also produced some fun events like Franco Barone's Fashion Show, and they were the beneficiary of The Night of the Day Without Art, a program emceed by Justin Bond with assorted Bay Area performers.

Fundraising events for Visual Aid continue this year with two upcoming galas. The first is an opening reception at the SFMOMA Rental Gallery at Fort Mason, with a curated exhibition of work by Visual Aid grantee artists, to be held on Feb. 2. The conjoining event is a dinner and party at Greens Restaurant, Fort Mason, with dancing and music provided by the band Patsy Cline and the Memphis G-Spots, on Feb. 8.

GRANT-MAKING CRITERIA

To receive a grant, an artist has to be very focused and clear about what he or she wants to accomplish. Good and detailed financial records are required when applying. Gene Ramey, acting president of Visual Aid, says it's not so much a question of how poor one is, as it is really a question of how dedicated one is to one's work and what one needs for one's projected budget. In submitting an application, there must be documented certification by a doctor that one has actually been diagnosed with AIDS or another terminal illness. Slides and/or prints are used to judge the art work in terms of its professionalism. References must also be supplied to attest to the fact that the artist is a career artist with a long-standing commitment and record of achievement.

A judging committee of art professionals evaluates the quality of the submitted work and the degree of professionalism. One of this year's judges is someone who has headed several art museums; another is a manager of a San Francisco art gallery, and another is a gallery owner. Ramey notes that they don't have to like the work, but they do have to see artistic value and quality of commitment from the artist. While it's hard to turn people away, according to Ramey, Visual Aid does not, for instance, fund new artists, art students, or people using art for coping with their diagnoses. He suggests that inexperienced artists contact an organization in the Bay Area called Continuum, which supplies useful information, support groups and art therapy.



Artwork by Galen Martinez

Visual Aid has given a number of grants to women artists. I asked Ramey if all the women's illnesses were AIDS-related, and he said no. In fact, one of the artists they're currently funding has life-threatening pernicious anemia. But AIDS is the disease of most of their grantees. At this juncture, Visual Aid wants to reach out to the women's community, as well as to the diverse Bay Area ethnic communities, says Ramey. They're also interested in people living on the outskirts of the Bay Area. Most of their applicants have been from San Francisco or Oakland. They want to expand beyond word of mouth, beyond their original network, in order to help more people and have a more diverse cross-section of applicants.

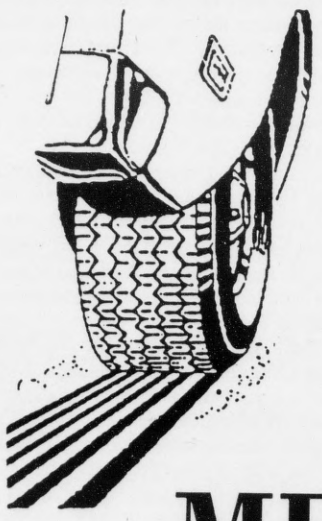
Visual Aid stays completely away from the business of selling art for profit. If any of their artists sells a painting through a Visual Aid exhibition, the artist gets the money directly from the buyer of the painting.

Ramey reiterates that information on the health or illness of the grantee is always kept strictly confidential. He says that a few of the artists have decided not to go public with their work, fearing the stigma of having AIDS. It may not be the healthiest thing they can do for themselves, but Visual Aid honors their privacy.

As each artist's work is different, the overall Visual Aid opus encompasses a variety of styles and themes. Ramey hopes that as Visual Aid gets more money from grants and donations, they'll be able to work on extensive documentation of the work that has been produced. He says the overall goal of Visual Aid is to provide future generations with samples of our cultural achievements. "Generations from now, when the epidemic is written about and scholars look for insights into how we dealt with the onslaught, they will look first to our cultural legacy. It is the responsibility of Visual Aid to make sure that legacy—that art—is produced, presented, and preserved."

For information on grant applications or on the upcoming Feb. 2 and Feb. 8 fundraising events, you can call Visual Aid at (415) 391-9663. ✿

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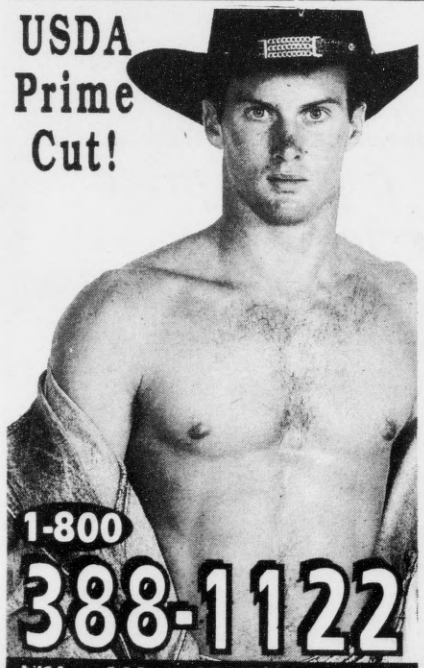
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Old Vs. New

Will the old guard ever stop repressing the new? This is not limited to the old guard currently in place; it's a transitional problem that happens with every changing of generations. The solution to the problem is finding a happy medium so both generations can complement each other. The only way that can be accomplished is by setting aside ego and attitude. The old guard may feel they have worked hard and deserve respect, while the new feel they deserve instant recognition and don't need the advice and experience. Respect and experience are earned. Both the old and new need to understand they earn their positions in the community and to keep their expectations to a minimum.

As I mentioned earlier, there is a lot of repression and it needs to stop. It makes our community unhealthy and stagnant. By combining energy and experience you get a well-rounded and vital production. It does not matter which side you are on, you can reach out to the other and ask for help. The guidance of the experienced can prepare the new for the future; the energy of the new can most definitely be used to help liven things up. After a while too much community service can burn you out, or other responsibilities begin to fill up your time. The new need to reach out and include those whose seasoning can accent their efforts. The old need to encourage and stop thinking that they will be forgotten.

MS. PIT CONTEST

Another checkmark on Lupe's scorecard. The Ms. Pit Contest was held Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Cocktails. Lupe Rosenbaum (Ms. SF Leather '92) put together a quick event to help promote the Ms. SF Leather Contest coming up on Jan. 23. Because of short notice there were not many attendees, but the ones who did show up had a blast. The judges were Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X), Mark Roach (Central Valley Leather Daddy's Boy), Skeeter Wildman (Dyke Daddy II), Gina Bear Berrigan (California Pacific Bears), and Joe Scibetta (Cocktails night manager), along with BC Cliver and myself as emcees. Kelly Burlingham and Jennifer Lucas answered questions at random and sold raffle tickets to complete the scoring. Jennifer was victorious, with Kelly a great sport and offering her support. Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern California Leather '93), Jacqui Jewels, and Emerson Briney (Mr. International Drummer '93) performed a hot fantasy followed up by Ed Sparan singing a few songs from his new show.

SPANK AWAY

The first spankathon was held at the Headquarters, Wednesday, Jan. 10. Our Emperor and Empress bared it all for their subjects. Art Tomaszewski (Mr. HQ '93) put together an event that even those at the receiving end seemed to enjoy. Money raised was donated to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Of the businesses in the Castro area, the Headquarters has been one of the most active in rounding up support for charities. That is a great accomplishment, especially since they are one of the newest kids on the block. Larry, you have got a great theme and a lot of friends who support your bar. Keep it up!

SHIRT OFF YOUR BACK

A nice showing of leather people for Terry Foster's (Ms. Russian River Leather '93) and Donna Shrout's (Ms. Northern California Leather '93) leather auction benefiting Food for Thought and Intl. Ms. Leather. After bidding on an item, the buyer got to remove the article right off the model. The leather community in the Santa Rosa and Russian River areas are just now getting organized and need San Franciscans to support their efforts. They are in the process of establishing a chapter of the NLA and need members. Bobby Foster (Li'l Brown Bear in Guerneville) and Terry Foster would be the ones to contact if you are interested in helping or becoming a member. Good luck, guys and gals. I know from past experience it will not be an easy job to do in your area.



The 1993 Ms. SF Leather, Queen Cougar, displays her hot leather fashion.
Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



Ms. Pit contest at Cocktails (l-r): Kelly Burlingham, Jennifer Lucas (Ms. Pit '93), and John Lopez (Mr. Pit '93). Photo by St. Clair Adams

RODEO STUDS

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association had a beer bust at the Eagle on Sunday, Jan. 17. No entertainment, but there was a great-looking pourer. I'm told that he works for a sheriff's department somewhere. It would sure be nice if someone could introduce me to him. There was a pleasant surprise: Ray Chalker (owner of Rawhide II and the *Sentinel*) was pouring beer and having an enjoyable day. If you haven't been to the Eagle for the Sunday beer bust, I highly recommend you go.

MS. WATERING HOLE

Yes! Another one of Lupe's Ms. contests. I would like to thank all of the bars that have sponsored women's titles. It shows cooperation and a great sense of responsibility in changing times. I hope more bars will find comfort in sponsoring a female title in contests like Ms. SF Leather or even IMsL. S. Kelly Burlingham is the new Ms. Watering Hole and Kelly Thayer was runner-up. The judges for the contest were Blair (IMsL '92), Grant Dupont (Mr. Watering Hole '91) and Ken Sitzharris, with Lupe and Ed Sparan as emcees.

MS. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER

A great showing of people and a lot of enthusiasm from the crowd. S. Kelly Burlingham (Ms. Watering Hole '93) and Queen Cougar (Ms. Headquarters '93) competed for the Ms. SF Leatheir title Saturday Jan. 23, with Queen Cougar as victor. Skeeter (Dyke Daddy II) and Jamie were the hit of the show with their hot leather fantasy/fashion show. There were fantasies from each contestant, Downtown Donna spinning vinyl, and a "you're not going to get rid of me that easy" speech by Lupe. The jury members were Blair (IMsL '92), Daddy Irwin (Leather Daddy X), Lupe Rosenbaum (Ms. SF Leather '92), Emerson Briney (Ms. International Drummer '93), and Lenny Broberg (IML '92). There may not have been many contestants, but the show was a success thanks to the energy of production veteran Audrey Joseph. Sorry I could not be there, but I did have a great convention and a few hot dates in Palm Springs.

Wow! We are already up to Mr. March at the Bare Chest contests at the SF Eagle. The competition is every two weeks on Wednesdays and is a fun night with some hot bodies on stage and in the crowd. The Eagle deserves a big thank you for all the support it has given over the years to title contests and all the beer busts it has allowed for charities. A big asset to the Eagle is Assistant Manager David Stole. David gives his all in trying to make the system work and does a fine job. Thank you, David.

Don't forget to pick up your new Eagle event calendar, now available at the bar. Also, Tuesday night is movie night.

See you soon! ✿

Letters...

(continued from page 17)

Another sailor was assaulted on the USS Belleauwood because he was gay.

It is clear that soon you will fulfill your campaign promise to lift the ban on gays in the military. What is more important is that we have a military environment where leaders are accountable for their actions and the actions of their subordinates. We need high-quality, responsible military leadership.

I respectfully request that the Justice Department take a special interest in this case and take this investigation out of the hands of the Department of Defense so that our military leadership will get a clear signal that hate and intolerance will no longer be accepted. Why didn't the division officers, department heads, the commanding officer and the senior chiefs on board the USS Belleauwood take aggressive action to ensure PO Schindler's safety—especially since there was *evidence* that there were those on the ship who were homophobic? Why has the Navy refused to keep the Schindler family informed about the progress of the case? Why haven't PO Schindler's personal belongings been safeguarded and why haven't they been returned to his family? Why was one of the participants given only four months brig time? Why is the Navy covering everything up? Shouldn't those who failed to take preventive measures be court-martialed or given letters of reprimand?

As one of the leading nations in the free world it is our responsibility to set the example for human rights. How can our military keep our world free when they can't even protect their own? Gays should not be bullied out of the service. What we need are solid military leaders who can set a positive example and ensure that everyone is treated justly.

Phil Adams
Fremont

Clinton and Gays

One in seven—that's how many of Clinton's votes came from gay people. This extraordinary bloc was based on three historic promises Clinton made during the campaign. If elected, he said, he would end the ban on gays in the military, fund AIDS research and services at significantly higher levels, and make appointments of open lesbians and gays, as part of his Look Like America pledge.

Given the backlash already unleashed over his float on military policy, Clinton is facing a difficult situation.

But so has every president who bucked bans and stereotypes. Truman probably had fewer allies in 1948 when he signed his executive order ending racial segregation in the military than Clinton does today. Witness the recent *New York Times* ad signed by several hundred college and university presidents, in support of overturning the military's ban on gays.

There is a time-line. Even less than the vaunted "100 days." President Clinton will have just three months to make good on his promises. On April 25, one million gays, lesbians and their friends and families are expected to show up at the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights. "It's a Simple Matter of Justice" is the official slogan of the march. The campaign promises on AIDS, appointments and the military ban are sure to be considered basic.

I never thought I'd be organizing to get people *into* the military, but it seems much the same as in the 1960s when we cheered the first African-American police in New York, at the same time they were riding horses down on us in civil rights demonstrations—and we were rolling marbles to trip them up. Everyone should have the right to choose.

So President Clinton's three-month performance review by the lesbian and gay community will be a rather public event. As any good employer would, the community is giving him adequate notice of expectations and will provide all possible support to assist him in meeting his stated goals—within 90 days.

Good luck, Bill.

Dr. Joan Lester
Executive Director, Equity Institute
Emeryville, CA

Open Our Minds

This is a letter to all open-minded and aware people who are able to see the world as someplace not merely black and white. I am a male-to-female transsexual. I also happen to be a lesbian. I did not simply wake up one day and decide I was going to be a transsexual; I have lived with those feelings all of my life. I have lived with the pain of never fitting into a world where I did not belong either way. As a child, I was abused for not being male enough and not fitting in. Today, I find myself in a world dictated by strict notions of gender identity, which does not give room to the possibility of one person occupying more than one gendered space at a time.

But what happens when your heart, mind and soul say one thing while the reality of your physical embodiment says another? You wind up with people like me, who see their own bodies as some sort of defect. I am not trying to deceive anyone. I am merely attempting to be true to myself, which becomes ever more difficult when strict bipolar gender definitions are being hurled in my direction. My goal is to become one person in mind and body. Isn't it about time we started seeing each other as people first and as gendered entities second? Or better yet, if we must perceive gender so readily, how about if we open our minds to differing definitions of gender? Take the time to get to know me as a person. Who knows, we could have a lot in common. I will support you for who you are and what you believe, and hope that you will give me room to do the same.

This is a letter by me, not from a group or organization of any kind. I intend to educate because we must think about these issues. After all, it is the strict definition of the female gender that feminists and lesbian feminists have been rebelling against for years. These cemented gender definitions have been used to oppress you. So, please think about it before you turn around and use what has historically been intended to harm and closet and destroy you against me. I hope we can become one people united beyond the boundaries of these strict categories.

Crystal Lynn Erwin
San Francisco

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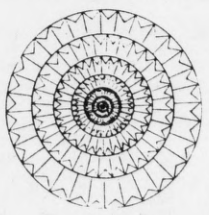
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Briefs...

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• Under One Roof, the nation's only gift store for AIDS relief, increased sales nearly 77 percent over last year, raising over $307,000 for 50 Northern California AIDS service organizations.

• Unbelievable-but-true dept.: Few physicians discuss sex and AIDS with their patients, even though guidelines advocate that they do so, according to a UC San Francisco study. Discussions about AIDS are not even occurring with patients who are at high risk, the study found.

• AIDS activists from New York's ACT UP delivered smashed watches and a stern warning to members of Congress to let them know that "time is up" on congressional inaction on AIDS. It's the start of a year-long offensive against Congress. Stay tuned.

• Volcano Press has just released its first audio cassette, *Learning to Live Without Violence: A WorkTape for Men.* It's available for $15.95 from Box 270, Volcano, CA 95689.

• Macy's West interim chair, Rudolph Borneo, says that Macy's 10th Anniversary Passport Fashion Show in San Francisco raised $251,563 for AIDS charities.

• The Greater Portland (Maine) United Way reports that its decision to axe the Boy Scouts from its funding has cost it about $40,000 in pledges. But that's not as much as the organization expected to lose by the controversial decision.

• A teen charged in the Laguna Beach, Calif., stalking and beating of a man he believed was gay is pleading not guilty (see related story this issue by Louise Rafkin). The victim, Loc Minh Truong, remains hospitalized. The teen, Jeff Michael Raines, was allegedly overheard expressing a desire to beat up queers.

• The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is seeking damages for two gay men who claim they were harassed by an off-duty city life guard in Kailua Beach Park in Honolulu, Hawaii. The ACLU also wants training for all city lifeguards.

• A Chattanooga law that would extend civil rights to gays/lesbians/bisexuals was tabled by a city commission because members were afraid it might conflict with state law. "This appears to be outside the scope of city government," says committee chair Ron Littlefield. "Cities are limited in the power they have by the state, and even the state is not dealing with this issue."

• Republican Sen. John Russell of Missouri is pressing for a law that outlaws the use in state classrooms of books depicting or advocating homosexuality. There's no evidence such books are currently being used in Missouri classes. Reportedly, the measure, which is before the Senate Education Committee, has little chance of passing.

• Gov. Bruce Sundlun of Rhode Island has come out against anti-gay/lesbian discrimination in a recent executive order, the first of his second term. He issued the order, which also covers race, sex, age, color and disability also, on Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

AP also contributed to this report. ✿

the personals

Don't Miss the Feb. 5 Deadline

WOMEN

Ready To Play...
With you, if you are bright, warm, fun and not looking for commitment. I am a gorgeous, sober, youthful, 42-year-old—above average height, with a tight, athletic body. I am working on my MA in English, busy, independent and rich in friends. I love passionate discussions, analytical minds and adventurous spirits. You are gorgeous, feminine, charming and compelling and want some sizzle with the same. All colors welcome. Call ★★3638.

5'2" & 52
Spiritual, healthy lifestyle, big on personal growth, socially active and playful. And I love to dance! Androgynous lesbian who loves life. For friendship, cuddle-buddies or possible relationship. Call ★★3639.

Here's To The New Year!
I'm looking to start the New Year off with the pleasure of a new friend—and maybe more. I'm 37, comfortable with my femininity, attractive & sometimes athletic. I enjoy hiking, long walks, talks, trips, quiet romantic interludes, eating out & living a healthy lifestyle. If you live in the Palo Alto area, are 38-48, bus./prof. woman, emotionally & financially stable, outgoing and warm with a good sense of humor—please respond! No smoking or drugs. Reply BT Box JA1B or call ★★3640.

Love To Love
Finding a sincere and loving mate would be total bliss! I'm an attractive (but not conceited) femme in my mid-20s. I have lots of interests that include: sports, music, reading, travel, dancing and current events. I'm down-to-earth, have great sense of humor, am loving, healthy and love lots of romance. I'm seeking a friend/mate (age not important) who is much of the same, who can communicate, is open-minded, attractive, slim and is over the games people play. Would love to add fun times to my life. No drugs, lt. drinking OK. Please respond with picture, I'll do the same. Reply BT Box JA2B.

Chemistry And Then Rossini
S., I lost your address. Contact me. M. Call ★★3641.

Passion And Meaning
Looking for a woman who knows each. Meaning is relative but you must search for it, passion comes from trust, aesthetics, tension, knowing what you want, appreciation of simplicity, complexity and intensity all at the same time. Age not important as maturity and sense of humor. Friendship is important, more comes with time looking at each other's eyes. Dancing a positive, smoking a big negative. Reply BT Box JA3B.

Top Gun II
Awakened from a life that I thought was correct. Couldn't understand why my fantastic life was a wreck. 28 and self-employed for six years, it was time to grow up and face all those fears. As off as it sounds, I'm grateful for the struggling and hard times. It motivated me to unlock pain of the past, understanding that now I'm all grown-up, making honest, adult, compassionate, intensely positive choices. Now free to excel in my passions: drums, jet skiing, reading anything, my cats, motorcycling and bubble baths. Me: 5'8", medium build, dark eyes/hair, winning smile. Cologne fetish. John Bradshaw. East Bay. Reply BT Box JA4B or call ★★3642.

My Fantasy Is...
To have a cute dyke sweep me off my feet. Realistically I'm looking for a friendship/relationship. At the very least, I'd like someone to have a cup of tea with. I'm 23; I like exploring the area, dancing, reading, cooking and eating ice cream. No smokers or heavy users, please! Call ★★3643.

Friends say I'm playful, bubbly and in touch with my inner child. I believe I'm fun-loving, brilliant, sexy, secure and complete with flaws. I'm looking for a 40ish woman who's sensitive with a zest for life, left of center politically and sexually, and adventurous in all areas. Professionally I care for babies and choose not to do this 24 hours a day. We all have wounds from past shit, but bleeders need not reply. Reply BT Box JA5B.

Constant Craving
For someone special in my life: someone who shares my interests in art, music, laughter and spirituality; someone with the right mix of fun, stability and silliness. I am in my 30s, have auburn hair and beautiful brown eyes, and am a romantic at heart. Nonsmokers who live in SF, please call ★★3644.

Compassionate, wise, 47, loves music, birds, babies of any species, laughter, friends, (heartwarming, comedic or political) movies. If you are 35-55, choose kindness over judgment, enjoy affectionate touching, identify as (not necessarily look) androgynous, have a measure of self-awareness and a warm heart I would like to get to know you. I enjoy sugar and chocolate, prefer we not deal with anything stronger. Reply BT Box JA6B or call ★★3645.

Disarm Me
With your honesty and humility. Delight me with your humor and creativity. And please disrobe me if our new friendship develops into romance... I'm 35, tall, attractive, more yin than yang, with Celtic and East Coast roots. Currently a corporate citizen by day, I also keep my artist and activist alive. I thrive on long hikes, urban pleasures, hot springs, books, photography and long insightful talks. Like me you have a full life and are ready to embrace the joys and challenges of a committed relationship. Dial me, maybe we will disarm, delight and... each other! Prefer NS. Call ★★3646.

Mature Partnership Anyone?
Are you well-seasoned? Experienced in loving relationships? Seeking the adventure of (dare I say it?) a committed partnership? Great! Call this 50-year-old European and ex-New York professional artist. Open arms await the gentle-natured, good-humored and spiritually inclined. Warmly welcomed are great outdoors trompers, animal lovers and candlelight diners. But tender embraces, warm kisses and ability to manage differences of opinion essential eventually! Call ★★3647.

Miss Veronica
Wanted: Breathtakingly beautiful blonde woman who has a name of mysterious origin and guerrillas in her closet. Me: I've got blonde hair and am pretty cute when not stalking invisible demons or wrestling visible dragons. Maybe we can get together, dance with Frida Kahlo and break into some cars to get the keys locked inside. If you're brave & gentle, like me, call ★★3648.

Me: 30 y.o. Italian GWF
Femme-looking, open-minded, emotionally honest, spiritually awakening, self-secure, physically fit, financially stable, passionate in life (and love), somewhat PC (!). You: 30 or older, femme/androgynous GWF with hopefully similar qualities. The details of your likes & dislikes are incidental so long as you have a full life (with the exception of a soul mate connection!), are confident to hold your own and are not threatened by someone else who does just that. If this sounds like you, let's share likes and dislikes and see if we make a connection! No smokes, drugs. Light alcohol okay. Reply BT Box JA7B or call ★★3649.

Sexy Nymph Wanted
I am very pretty, late 20s, brunette with sparkling brown eyes and gym-toned bod. Sometimes boyish in dress, mostly feminine in demeanor. I won't bore you with a listing of my characteristics or likes/dislikes; chemistry will decide. Although not interested in humiliation or S/M per se, I do enjoy toys, leather, lingerie, light spanking and playful fantasies. You should be attractive, slim, hot, under 35, feminine/androgynous, and comfortable being both sexually passive and aggressive. Generally, fair-haired damsels with

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blue/green eyes turn my head. Reply BT Box JA8B or call ★★3650.

Real

36-yr-old GWF would like to meet women from 30-40. I am family-oriented. I like the outdoors, movies, plays, dancing and trying new things. I am interested in a long-term, monogamous relationship. Let's meet. Call ★★3651.

Looking For New Friends??

Attractive, femme, independent 29 y.o. looking for new friends. Recently moved to SF from South Carolina & have met mostly couples, straight people & guys. Interested in meeting single lesbians who enjoy hiking, rafting, dancing, cafes, eating out, staying in—the usual. I'm not interested in game-playing or butch women. If you're honest, open-minded, have a great sense of humor & aren't afraid to try anything once—call me. Call ★★3652.

Home Alone?

I'm a warm, sincere, smart, pretty, thin, fit, clean, confident, horny, funny and ambitious, attractive, petite woman. I'm looking for a lesbian, 30-40 years old. Please be thin and fit as well as all of the above. Lesbian only; femme only. Make something happen in your life. Call now. Call ★★3653.

Seeking Fun And A Little Happiness

Attractive woman with great sense of humor and warm sensibility, sexy and smart with lots of energy and spiritually mature seeks same. No controllers and aggressors. Age and race unimportant. No smoke, drug or drink. Let's have fun, dine and dance! Call ★★3654.

The worst of it

is that I take books to the dinner table and hustle literary theory, have been seen dressed like Laura Petrie gone amiss in Bohemia, can't resist for long making a wry or oblique remark, insist on great food but have been known to eat a stack of Hydrox after macaroni and cheese with sauteed weenie slices, indulge in excessive hygiene, free-associate after sex, read trash or the NYRB slowly in the bath, miss people I never knew such as Shaw Wilde Stein Nabokov Fellini Magnani, subdue society by savoring the symphony, eschew pretense, cliches and indifference but above all moonlit walks on the beach, dream of a woman with a sublime mind, steady demeanor and reason. (And once murmured the name Sally to a Mary). Reply BT Box JA9B or call ★★3655.

North Bay

Lesbian W. Woman searching for Mexican/Asian/Indian/Hawaiian woman who is 35+, down-to-earth, nonsmoking, drug-free; who likes nature, gardening, music, camping; loves animals (esp. dogs), movies, humor, arts, personal growth, travel, walking & many more interests. Seeks friends and LTR. Write PO Box 7304, Santa Rosa 95407-0304.

Generous Spirit Desires Another

40s, professional, past the past and living well now. Romantic, intense, demonstrative, respectful, passionate and able to hear as well as express. All of the work is paying off. Let's enjoy ourselves in every way we can imagine. Perhaps love is on the way. Reply BT Box JA10B or call ★★3656.

I Ain't Your Man, I'm Your Woman

And you know that, want that and show me with all of your queenliness in every way possible. "Go girl," I say to you, as we strut our stuff onto the dance floor, with you, my woman of color, looking beautiful, self-assured, independent, employed and worthy of all of my kingly attentions. Your glass slipper is mine in which I will quench your thirst. You are medium build or below and, if not totally in-shape, like myself, trying to. You like tall, dark, mini-dreaded stud muffins. No druggies, smokers, drinkers or gamers. Call ★★3657.

Lusty 40s Femme

Wants stylish butch who knows how to laugh and fuck at the same time. Prefer a woman who is as good with her imagination as she is with her fingers and tongue. Points for clean & sober. Call ★★3658.

Scorpio Safari

You Scorps are unfairly maligned, but I know your true nature! I love it that you are psychic, magnetic, passionate, intuitive, quick-witted and in total control. I hope you are also feminine, 30-40, looking for someone who understands you on a level no one has before. I'm 33, androgynous on the butch side, 5'4", 118 lbs. I'm a Cancer, sometimes moody, most often funny, adventuresome. But also into home, fireplaces, good books and conversation. I will respond to all Scorpios, or strong Scorpio types. Reply BT Box JA11B or call ★★3659.

Surrender

Saw you at Theater Artaud, January 16 performance of *Surrender*. I was standing near the tea table in Southern Exposure gallery, we exchanged interested glances and friendly, tentative smiles before you disappeared into the crowd with your gray-haired friend. Me: short spiky brown hair, glasses, long black coat. You: short spiky black hair, black leather jacket, intelligent eyes. I'd like to meet, find out what's behind the gaze. Call ★★3660.

Table Manners

And more. I've got the style it takes. Charming, open-minded androgyn beauty (Summa Cum Laude to be, currently starving student) seeks dinner dates with sexy, successful older woman. Dessert negotiable. Call ★★3661.

Sisters

This youthful, 47 y.o., health-conscious, Oakland sister, who enjoys movies, theater, dining out or in, walking & outdoor activities is looking to build new friendships (possibly a relationship). If you're interested, please call. No alcohol, drugs or smokers. Call ★★3662.

Top Genius Sought

I'm an intellectual redhead, 32, 5'5", 140 lbs., blue eyes, artist, semi-butch bottom, sober, emotionally aware, sense of humor. I'm looking for an intelligent, emotionally aware, sexually dominant woman, 27-39, near my height and weight who has a sense of humor, an ulterior motive in life, likes to be touched in bed, to talk and who is a feminist. No drug users, or super-butches. Reply BT Box JA12B or call ★★3663.

My Ideal Mate

Good to her mind, body and spirit. Contributes to putting love, beauty and peace in the world. Trusts self and others. Likes to try new things. Loves to move her body. Committed to creating empowering relationships. Affectionate... enjoys kissing and cuddling. Wants to go slowly. I'm 52, but age or race is not important. For friendship or possible partnership. Call ★★3664.

Strange Mix

I hate sleeping alone and love kissing. I'm very independent but would love to smother you with small presents. I'll make you dinner if you'll rub my feet. Mostly, I just want a girlfriend, not sure for how long but definitely right now! Twenty-something and East Bay would be my dream but I'm mature and have a car so I'm flexible! Call ★★3665.

How Creative Are You?

I've never said no to a sexual proposition. I'm looking for women, especially dyke couples, with ravenous sexual appetites. Most can't keep up with me. If the chemistry is right, I'm sure we will have a great time. Call ★★3666.

Good Fun Not Melodrama

Attractive, intelligent GWF, early-30s, good sense of humor, well-educated, well-built, 5'6", 125 lbs., androgynous/femme; would like to meet somewhat similar women between 25 and 40 years of age. I love the outdoors and just hanging around. If this sounds good to you and you are a warm, caring and supportive woman, please call ★★3667.

Feminine Tomboy Seeks Sweetheart

Me: Very attractive, 27, 5'4", slim, brunette, bright, sexy, honest, caring, open-minded, mischievous, funny, romantic, modern rock, sex, tattoos, working out, dancing, "Vampire Chronicles," cuddling, coffee, conversation, nature things. You: witty, challenging, imaginative, bewitching, feminine to androgynous, under 30, and looking for someone special to share the above or introduce to your own brand of amusement. Call ★★3668.

Looking For Women To Date

I seem to be spending most, if not all, of my time with straight people. Finally, I'm wondering why. I think it's because I don't know where to meet attractive, intelligent, financially secure gay women! I'm 30, attractive, mostly feminine, living in East Bay, fun-loving, musically inclined, well-read, spiritual and very independent. I'm not interested in smokers, super political types, hippies or heavyweights. (Hopefully that doesn't sound rude...) Give me a call if you want to date a sincere, cute woman you'd be proud to introduce to your mom. Call ★★3669.

Attention-Getting Headline

Okay, so you're sitting there drinking your tea, while the cat tries to sit on the newspaper, and you read this ad that makes you laugh. You think it might be fun to meet the ad's bright, clever, articulate author. You consider calling. You worry that she has tattoos and a pierced tongue, or a husband. You wish a self-confident, outgoing, well-educated woman would just appear on your doorstep. I'll need your address first... Call ★★3670.

Aries

It appears that I have been looking for love in all the wrong places, so here I am. I recently moved here from Long Island, enjoy exploring new places and meeting new faces. I'm into tennis, bowling, dogs (allergic to cats), the Bee Gees (though I hate to admit it), and believe there is something to be said for astrology. So be adventurous—I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Reply BT Box JA13B or call ★★3671.

New to Californian waters, this dyke diver is on the lookout for other wonderful creatures of the sea to share and enjoy life down and not too deep as well as on the high and dry. Active, eclectic, intelligent, sincere and seeking friends and perhaps more. Age, race, societal label not important, so give a call. You'll find me worth the pennies. Call ★★3672.

Writer In Search Of Character

It was a dark and stormy night. The writer, a Jewish woman in her 40s, leans against the wall, pulls up her trenchcoat collar, waiting for a humorous, creative, socially aware, warm woman who likes children, movies & books, to reveal herself. Call ★★3673.

Lesbian Of Center

Me: 5 ft., cute, brown hair, hazel eyes. I am drug-, alcohol- & smoke-free. You: a lesbian, 30+, please have open mind, be butch or femme, just keep expectations of me realistic. I am doing my best to be free of labels. Looking for a regular kind of lesbian. Are there any out there? I have many interests, hope you do too, we need not like same things, lest we be twins. It's been a while since I've been on the prowl. Looking for a good time, not as friends. I have more of those than I know what to do with. Call ★★3674.

Warm Fuzzies

After a strenuous workout on the slopes, or after a beautiful hike in Marin, let's wash up and snuggle up to recount our days and adventures. I'll soothe your muscles and fill your soul with the rich pleasures of our womanhood. No need for a smoke or alcohol please. Maybe a small repast, put on some k.d. lang and drift off, spent. Call ★★3675.

Do you like to be cuddled, rubbed and kissed... If you are thoughtful, warm, self-motivated, femme/straight-appearing, attractive, 30 to 45, mentally and physically fit, gainfully employed in the health care field or other, have own transportation, friendly with a sense of humor, live in the Peninsula or SF, enjoy movies, swaying back and forth to easygoing music, would not mind a light, "discreet" romance or more... If interested, I want to hear from you. Please no "aholics" or neurotics. I am a NY transplant, late 30s, non-smoker with the abovementioned attributes. Reply BT Box JA14B or call ★★3676.

Recovering Catholic

Seeks goddess to worship. Fun, attractive, lanky, romantic wants compatible femme for spontaneous frolics, sick humor and deep, passionate kisses. My interests include alternative music, swimming, midnight hot tubs and much more. Busy schedule, demanding career make for one lonely pup. Prefer fairly fit 25-40 yrs. old, expressive, loving, quick and single femmes with an edge and a life. No big hair, bad taste, boozers or nuns please. Call ★★3677.

"What Questions

Do two total strangers put to one another?" — Edith Evans, *The Chalk Garden*, 1964. Apparently the point of these ads is to be "out there." All right. I want an attractive, intelligent, humorous, tallish woman with shortish blond hair, age 35-45ish, to make my heart beat fast (really fast). Me? I'm SAA but not so tall. Call ★★3678.

Happy Anniversary, Daddy!

A year ago, you saw my ad and it sparked something in you—an answering feeling from the heart. Together we have manifested all things, beautiful love, togetherness, coziness and a safe place for healing. We are grateful for this precious gift that the goddess has blessed us with. And our love will continue another 800 years. All my love, Gardenia Cozy.

Do I Dare To Eat A Peach?

Attractive, 31 y.o., w/pretty big body, very big heart and relatively big brain seeks recent library card holder, unafraid to be seen reading the National Enquirer. I am a cynical optimist, who seriously doubts that placing personal ads leads to anything other than humiliating encounters which hopefully have retrospective entertainment value. I hate talking in movies and love geography and gossip. I have dark, curly, long hair, hazel eyes and kissable lips, and am an embarrassed and therefore considerate smoker. You: smart (street and/or book), funny, gorgeous and sweet. Potential chemistry increases if you're over 5'5", not fat or skinny, and have at least a handful of belly. Dating would be nice, wild sex would be a relief and hearing even one mermaid sing to me would be best of all. P.S. I especially hate obscure literary references. Call ★★3679.

How Many "Yeses"?

Are you over 50 with mind and spirit of a 20-year-old? Still finding joy in life, seeking new adventures & relationships? Not so set-in-your-ways that you'd make some changes if romance came along? If you answered "yes" three times, give me a call. Call ★★3680.

True Love And/Or Great Sex

I am an intense, lesbian-oriented, 26 y.o., medium built, BiWF who is looking for true love and/or great sex. (Can they co-exist?) I love music, the arts, erotic "adventures," romantic evenings, and anything else that piques my interest. You should be open-minded, diverse, intense and very sexual (I prefer soft, butchy, aggressive tops, but am open to whatever works). I enjoy women of all races and am partial to women of color. Hey, if anything in this ad interests you, take a chance, leave a message and let's talk! Call ★★3681.

Tame Me

The candlelight reflects off your dark hair and your passionate dark eyes, but the darkness does not overshadow your exotic beauty. The tribal beat of the music stimulates our primal hunger. We decide on our costumes. Will you be the French maid or the sultry chauffeur? In either case, you take control with handcuffs in hand and a rose between your teeth. This incorrigible, sexy slave needs to be tamed. Call ★★3682.

Smart, Big-Breasted Tart

We cut each other some slack; leave room for political irreverence; savor hot tubs and inner fires. Fuzzy four-leggeds make us smile. I'm 40, Jewish, Rubenesque; you're 35+, ethnic and ample. Dark roast, chocolate truffles and cabernet make life more than a survival march. Are you kind, affectionate and lusty without need for tobacco, cults or recovery groups? I'm imperfect but normal. Call ★★3683.

Butch Wanted

To melt my heart and inflame my passion. Warm, playful, sensuous, woman-identified bisexual, Jewish woman (38) is ready for the right relationship. Your ability to be intimate, honestly communicate feelings, nurture and be nurtured, laugh and play is more important than your color, size, athletic ability or whether or not you like cats. Let's talk! Call ★★3684.

Not Your Ordinary Valentine!

I am not an ordinary woman, not just down-to-earth, adventurous, gentle, sensitive, somewhat of a klutz, romantic... but much more. Looking to connect with someone who, like me, is level-headed, but likes to have fun, too; who likes to be romanced and likes to romance back. I consider myself soft butch. I am 5'3", attractive, very fit, in my 40s, a terrific sense of humor; I love dancing, hiking, romantic interludes at the beach or by the fireplace. I am looking for someone of healthy mind and body, androgynous-femme, intelligent, cynical, attractive, not tall, fit, with similar interests. Live in North Bay or Marin a plus. Call ★★3685.

Seeking Bedroom Community

Sonoma County homeowner, adept at pool maintenance, contract negotiation and counting backwards, desires neighbor lady with great tits for mutually satisfying relationship. I need help moving big loads, you need help reaching high places. Let me borrow a cup of sugar and I'll repay with a pint of honey. You chip in technique, I'll chip in timing, and we'll get those pressing home improvements done just right. Call ★★3686.

I Need A (Very) Close Friend

Married white female seeks same or understanding female for intimate friendship and nurturing. Me: 27, femme, 5'3", 110 lbs., brunette with big green eyes. I love kissing, dancing, kissing, renting movies, kissing, bike riding, kissing, rock 'n roll & kissing. If you're 22-38, femme & sensitive, please call ★★3687.

Se Busca Chica Latina

Busco chica Latina para ir al teatro, al cafe, de compras, al club, de paseo, etc. Que tenga buena presentacion, comunicativa y alegre. Posicion social o economica no es importante. Edad no meos de 25 que no sea adicta a vicios, pero si puede fumar o beber un poco. De mi les hablare cuando nos encontremos en el cafe. Me pueden escribir o llamar. Hasta pronto. Reply BT Box JA15B or call ★★3688.

Women

Who wear lipstick appeal to me. I am tall, 40, slender, athletic, with brown shoulder-length hair, nice brown eyes, and a great mouth. I am very attractive, stylish and enjoy being a woman. I love uninhibited sex. Interests are many and varied: sports, cooking, reading, movies, Zen and a healthy lifestyle. You: are attractive, like yourself, slender, stylish and smart. Please include a photo and in my response I'll do the same. Reply BT Box JA16B.

A Little

Tuck & Patti, sassy Sarah, a warm fire and you. These are all the ingredients I need to make my Valentine's Day treat complete. Like me, you are: happy with yourself, attractive, warm, tall, fun-loving and between the ages of 39-45. You adore: weekend trips up and down the coast, great Italian cooking, hot tubbing in the moonlight and boating around the bay. Valentine's Day is near. Will you be my special Valentine this year? Reply BT Box JA17B or call ★★3689.

Happiness Is...

Laughter, honesty, trust, communication, love, caring & loyalty—but only if you have someone to share it all with. I'm a 30 y.o. WF seeking friends/dating with others who find happiness through some of the same things listed above. I look forward to answering all responses. Call ★★3690.

Is There Life Outside The Lab?

This femme hopes so. Actually I do love walking, biking, dogs, bats, caves and monogamy. I'm old-fashioned and don't feel like being progressive and sharing my lover. Do you like country-western, a real wife and cuddling? Are you possibly from the country or Ozarks or also old-fashioned. I'm a California kid with a country heart. Sincerity and gentleness and sorta butch are great. Call ★★3691.

Cupid, Where Are You?

East Bay, 26, GWF, 5'7", slender and attractive, dk hair, green eyes, stable, easygoing. I enjoy bicycling, motorcycles, dancing and movies. Smokers OK, but no heavy drugs/alcohol. Looking for a woman with similar interests for friendship or... Reply BT Box JA18B or call ★★3692.

Dog-Loving Queer

I'm an older student, politically progressive with a good sense of humor. This sober butch loves her dog, art, going to the movies, eating out, interesting sex, etc. I'm looking for a sweet femme dyke who knows when to get rough and likes all or some of the above. No smoking please! Call ★★3693.

I've been dating a lot lately but find that sex just for fun stops being fun after a while. I want to find a woman that I can get emotionally involved with. I'm not thin. I'm loving, gentle, cynical, "bad" and oversexed. I adore all women, especially the intelligent, introspective, honest sort. Call ★★3694.

Friendship First

And more later if the affinity is there and the chemistry is right. I am in my mid-20s and am looking for companions to share similar interests and activities. My true love is dance of all kinds, ranging from club to country-western to salsa and more. I am also very into music, sports, reading, dining and deep conversation/discussion over tea. Race and age unimportant as long as you, like me, are sincere, honest, communicative, open-minded, compassionate and spiritual. Let's get to know each other while we're having fun. You never know; life can offer lots of pleasant surprises! Call ★★3695.

Worldwide Adventure

Joyous woman, 33, feminist, sensuous, professional, anti-racist, seeking to balance the heart within and the world without, desires woman endowed with self-knowledge, laughter and a willing way with words. I'm 5'5", white, with bottomless brown eyes, generous proportions and a touch of wanderlust. If cloudscapes make you gasp and toddlers make you smile, perhaps we should meet. Call ★★3696.

Emerging From Hibernation

After a year which gets mixed reviews, but kept me busy, I want to re-enter the land of living lesbians. Want to meet intelligent, politically sensitive and aware women who have the desire and ability to make an emotional connection with this somewhat butch, overeducated lesbian mom who enjoys music, long discussions and laughter. Interested in exploring limits in all areas: sexual, emotional, intellectual and political. Me: athletic, dark, 40, smart, talkative and intense. You: sex-positive, logical age range, educated, ethnic identified, NS, no heavy recovery trips. Humor essential. North Bay or SF preferred. Call ★★3697 or write PO Box 170643, SF 94117.

LVHPNZ

Friendship too! My heart—ready, willing and able to share with yours on a friendly, or possibly deeper level. Looking for someone 35-45, who loves keeping healthy and balanced, who can be emotionally as well as physically intimate, who enjoys country (hiking, xc skiing, etc.), city (symphony, ballet, etc.) activities and dancing. I'm a tall, slender, feminine, athletic, 40ish professional who's into honest communication and having fun! North Bay or ? Call ★★3698.

Ready And Willing

Color-blind, attractive, well-adjusted, fun-loving, 36 y.o., African American, busy professional with a great sense of humor, lover of the outdoors; esp. beaches. I enjoy racquetball, dancing; reggae, skating, jazz, theater and travel. I am sincere, honest, creative and spiritually in tune. Seeking both friendship and romance. Desire quality relationship with communicative, attractive, open-minded, slender and physically fit, 25-37 y.o., sexy, femme variety who is warm, compassionate, intelligent and easygoing. I will remain emotionally ready and definitely willing to work at creating the dream relationship with you, Ms. Right. Intellectual orgasm guaranteed. Call ★★3699.

Maverick In Her Land

Want to enjoy the spice of life? If you're a lesbian of her character and adventure with a daring spirit, this non-ordinary rebel, disability rights activist, would love to meet you for a candid exchange of ideas and dreams and tooling around the Bay Area for fun. If you're a delightful, positive and outgoing woman, I'm 32, cute, future attorney, tired of the rain and the monotony of life except dancing and friends. Call ★★3700.

Biker Seeks Babe

Big bold soft butch desires sexually adventuresome babe for exploration of pleasure's realm. If you're intelligent, romantic, imaginative, spontaneous, sensuous, aggressive, spirited and a "to die for" kisser, I've been waiting for you! I enjoy music, camping, friends, travel, riding my scoot, and being ridden by you. Femme, butch, big or small... just be willing to have some fun. Let's talk... This could be the beginning of something special! Call ★★3701.

Let's Cook Something Up

Much like your favorite recipe, I'm a delicate blend of tantalizing flavors and spices: romantic (but not hopeless), enjoy dancing—hip hop to CW to salsa; equally enjoy quiet evening in front of fireplace listening to jazz; ethnic foods, intense conversation over morning coffee. I'm 30 y.o., 5'6", stocky build, blue eyes, androgynous, humorous, academically inclined. You are 30-40 y.o., East Bay. Let's arrange a taste test. Call ★★3702.

DeepTime, DeepSpace

DeepTime Liaison with softly thrilling elegant empowered beauty desired by handsome pretty lesbian lass with labyrinthine senses. Merrie magical muse, entrepreneur, native Californian, original daughter, Celtic warrioress, soothsayer who insists on the integrity, self-esteem and pride of her sex, hungers for brilliant, lustrous, original daughter, lesbian boon companion with cunning, presence, e-motion, stamina, touching power, inner power, straying power (Eire, Prague, Paris, Provence, Yukon, Budapest, Egypt, Peru, American Southwest, Goddess of Liberty and other magical dimensions) and the courage to live life ex anima. Pyrophilic wolfish lioness, 44, 5'5", 126, with supple muscles, very short thick brown hair, hazel/green eyes desires deep journeying into DeepSpace with athletic, healthy, pretty, heart-centered heathen wanton virgin vixen of practical magical means. With a vision toward eventual elegant country living and traveling interludes, I would like to date a woman who is playfully whimsical, a fine dresser, sophisticated, warm, intelligent, financially unfettered, and a good communicator who holds her self in esteem. I live in sophisticated simplicity, am deeply connected to Mother Earth and have a keen sense of purpose. Please send letter and photo. Reply BT Box JA19B or call ★★3713.

Spirited Liaison

While a fling is sweet, I want a taste that lingers. I want a relationship that flourishes between an affair and marriage. (I'm "married" to a woman who taught me the meaning of polyfidelity.) I like to stretch the imagination, to delve into emotional, sexual and intellectual possibility. I'm 41 yrs. old, passionate, an artist who balances the cycle of solitude and intimacy. I choose the path of integrity. Come with me? Reply BT Box JA20B or call ★★3714.

Troublemaker...

California girl seeks crazy Dutch woman to offer a ride to New York and the rest of her life. Miss M., I love you so much! —Miss R.

Soft Core

Trekkie? Like to travel? (Nature? City?) Have you read Alice Miller? Bradshaw? I'm 34, reddish hair, soft butch. I also enjoy theater, eating out

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and gambling. I've recently made the leap between NYC and SF. You are 5'4" or under, bright, and have a good sense of humor. I'm looking forward to your letter. Reply BT Box JA21B.

Spiritual/Playful/Beautiful Lesbian

That's me and you. I'm into eclectic spirituality. I'm silly, playful & very funny. I like to sing, dance, play, have good conversations, "process," be in nature, do massage and healing work. Hopefully you like similar things. I want a conscious, healthy, mindful relationship. I want to be friends first. I'm 33 yrs. old, 5'4", with short red hair. Like down-to-earth, earthy wimmin. Call ★★3715.

Date?

I'm interested in dating women who know themselves and who can be intimate and honest without being married. I like animals, art, music, reading, body piercings and tattoos too. I want to eat out, go dancing, and have lots of rough sex. How about you? If this sounds good, give me a call. I love to talk on the phone. Call ★★3716.

42-yr-old Jewish dyke mom with luscious one-yr-old seeks other(s) to be in our lives. If you are left of center politically (not dogmatic), fun-loving, able to laugh at the ironies of life, and truly a caring person, please call. Want to meet other single moms, women of color and Jewish women—with or without kids. Call ★★3717.

Looky!

Cute, athletic, independent, 28-year-old seeks women of like body and spirit for dates, friendship and fun. I like aimless, endless roaming through the City, walking on the cliffs in Lincoln Park and treks to Blue Whale Cove. But if you've got a better idea, let's do it! My true passion is for Asian, Pacific Island or Jewish women, but find charmers of all types hard to resist. Reply BT Box JA22B or call ★★3718.

untangling double entendres

this time a woman for a woman willing to plunge into a moment's passion & linger through sunsets and sunrises. this time a coming together. cathexis. 37-yr-old eclectic artiste/entrepreneur wish to evolve w/creative dynamic communicative sophisticated sophistic tallish androgynous sweet romantic n/s tallish svelte professional 32-42 yrs old exhilarated in psychosocioanthropological permutations while savoring tagliatelli con mariscos. challenge to wine/dine/dance & wake up w/me. pls femme only; no radicals, difficult neurotics. Call ★★3719.

Anarcha-Feminist

(Perpetually politically outraged), escapist tendencies (sci fi, comic books, ethnic cuisine, daydreams), body of a goddess (of Willendorf), seeks same/similar/totally different for laughs, outings, sex, poss. relationship. Call ★★3720.

"No Man's Land"

HL wants to share with WL an equal relationship with pansexual experiences, communication of desires and a want to be loved as a woman loves a woman. If you're interested in long, romantic walks in the rain, warm conversations, love to play and watch sports, listening to the sounds of the '50s, and enjoy children, give me a call. Call ★★3721.

Shared Vision

Are you ready for romance with an eye to the future? My future vision is a long-term relationship built on cooperation, deep commitment, equality and a shared vision. Attractive, 40+, smart, financially secure, psychologically minded professional with leftist visions is looking for similar woman. If you are cuddly, tall, strong but sensitive, practical but creative, androgynous but feminine, independent and interested in the outdoors, emotionally honest communication, creating family, home renovation or cultural events, then you have a special interest to me. No smoking or substance abuse. Interested? Please call ★★3722.

Looking For That Southern Charm

And belief in "forever yours." Let's begin slow and last a lifetime. Let's travel, talk and watch Star Trek. I'm a true romantic femme who loves roses and cowboy boots. Once we step over the line from friends to lovers, holding, cuddling and monogamy are a must! Nonsmokers, drug-free only. I'm allergic to cats. Do you like camping, adventuring, stars and bikes? Call me! Call ★★3723.

Let's Do Contact

I am a dancer looking for a woman who isn't afraid to dance bold, dance strong. I love contact improvisation, hip hop, swing, and everything in-between—as long as it's done with passion. Ever heard of Dance Brigade? Barefoot Boogie? Or maybe you're a rock climber? Do you know of the group Bandaloop? Then we must meet! Call ★★3724.

1993 Could Be A Very Good Year

Why not meet another good friend (maybe someone special?) for the fun times to come? I love sports (golf, tennis, softball, swimming and many others), being outdoors, comedy, singing/performing, movies, museums/exhibits, photography and boldly following my dreams. Me: 37, intelligent, funny, stocky, 5'8", soft butch with nice eyes & smile, common sense, and home where friends feel welcome. You: athletic, outgoing, outdoorsy, 28-40, light to nonsmoker, no heavy drinking/drugs. Call ★★3725.

Magnetic And Muscular

24-year-old babe searching for a truly single and inspirational woman. I'm serious about martial arts, trust, communication and honesty, and crazy about Caribbean food, outrageous quests, views from 12,000 foot high peaks and lack of inhibition. Please be well-acquainted with yourself, communication and the outdoors, and adventurous. Call ★★3726.

I Wouldn't Miss

Would you? Maybe meet me some night or day, whatever. I'm cute and sweet, live in the City and I'd like to meet you. What are you into? Tell me, I'd like to know. If you're curious, I don't smoke, drink; attractive & fun. I'd appreciate if you'd be similar, it would help me enjoy you better. Call me, tell me about you. I'll be waiting. Call ★★3727.

The Basics

Are you available, emotionally and time-wise (single) for a relationship? Can you communicate about your feelings and needs? Are you active, outdoorsy, assertive about your needs and self-confident? Do you value trust, honesty, support and friendship in a relationship? Me: mid-20s, all of the above, warm, outgoing, stable, a lot of fun to be with and ready to meet new people. Call ★★3728.

Let's End This Drought Too

Apres le deluge...?? Let's emerge from the misty chill of solitary winter nights into the promise of spring sunlight & love renewed. Missing the magic of an intimate other has ripened us into understanding that communication, compromise and acceptance make, keep & strengthen personal connections. We want to meet the right (not perfect) woman for an eventual committed relationship of pleasure & challenge... so a mere Valentine's date won't pressure us to perform: this is more about soul & staying power than sex & quick starts. Our sense of humor, broad interests & perspectives, strong convictions & personalities capable of yielding, boundless optimism with doubts enough to keep us human, faith enough to keep us going, make us women of substance who take responsibility for our own happiness, emotionally available despite vulnerabilities, open to trust, try again. You are: a SF/nearby resident, NS/LD, c.44-54, energetic, warm, intelligent, personable & physically attractive, andro-femme, 5'4"+ & fit (gym-grad not vital), sex-positive, non/verbally communicative, financially comfortable, forthright, self-assured, spicy... the pepper to my salt. I am: 46, considerate & compassionate, sensual & cerebral, of French-Italian temperament (sanguine cynical passionate expressive), definitely ambitious & solvent tho career-changing, decidedly funny & physically attractive, culturally-politically-environmentally aware, a true Dog Year person: affectionate faithful honest persevering friendly companionable... the salt to your pepper. If you sense a connection but are fumbling with the keys, don't worry, I'll leave the light on longer. Please correspond to Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146 or call ★★3729.

Inspired?

Successful, handsome femme available for friendship and dating. I am entertained by the theater, contemporary symphonic compositions, fine arts, film, Kosher food, modern dance, and the latest scientific discoveries. If you are aroused by intellectual adventures that create new concepts, enthusiastic about dry humor, or just like to watch Mary Hartman reruns, you may want to introduce yourself. If you prefer new lesbian friends and amusing conversation over wallpaper and shopping malls I will accept your invitations. Tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box JA23B or call ★★3730.

Wanted: Intellectual Pervert

To join me on my quest for knowledge, sexual and otherwise. My copy of *Macho Sluts* is getting worn out, and I'm tired of talking to myself in bed, so if you're 20-something, reasonably sane and somewhat stable, and amused by anything from "Star Trek" to pseudo-arty pursuits then call and find out what lurks beneath my quiet, nice-girl facade. Call ★★3749.

Ready, Willing And Able

28 5'7" 140 cute soft butch artist recovering smoke-free happy healthy fun well-mannered intense active honest charming open-minded kind communicative independent spiritual monogamous sensitive romantic nature-lover and much much more. Ready to meet a special woman with similar interests and concerns. Willing to have a relationship with healthy boundaries and minimal expectations. Able to take the time to do it right. Reply BT Box JA24B or call ★★3750.

Grammatically correct but slightly bent noun/verb/preposition/adjective package seeks similar construction for possible compound sentence formation. However, simple sentences hold their own fascination. Talk to me of your favorite twisted prepositions, your most cherished adjectival juxtaposition or anything else you fancy. (Hell, it's just talk—try it!) Please! No dangling participles, fractured compounds or split infinitives. All you brave, adventurous linguists out there... what are you waiting for? Write!! All responses acknowledged. Reply BT Box JA25B.

To My Two Babies

Happy Valentine's Day to my two favorite bed buddy babes. K, I want you to know that I am so happy to have you as my best friend. Thanks for everything. I know you'll still be around when baby chases after the next cute pussy(cat). Love, C.

Middle-Aged Tomboy Bottom

I like Harleys, pool, custom cars, drag races, mud races, hockey, rodeos, 2-stepping, rock 'n roll, tradeswomen, model cars, sailboards, horses, cats, waterbeds, Macintoshes, videos, movies, beaches, bodybuilders, leather-sex. Dislike smoking, drugs, 12-step, dykedrama, immaturity, politics. A mouthful, you say? Yes, I am, 40 triple-D. I'm butch in the streets, femme in the sheets, prefer butch in both. Seeking friends, lover(s). Box 882992, SF 94188-2992 or call ★★3751.

Searching For New Friends/Romance!

GWF, 43 yrs. old, 5'1". Looking for a gay gal to date. Like kids, Shabbat, reading, movies, concerts, the opera, dinners out, quiet times by the fireplace. I'm funny, stable, adventurous, kind and thoughtful. Financially stable E.B. teacher. Please respond if you enjoy the same, are emotionally stable, not into 12-step programs & don't mind occasional drinking/smoking. Reply BT Box JA26B or call ★★3752.

Picky Picky Picky

I am a well-educated, well-bred, attractive femme who works hard at a busy career. I'd love to meet a fun and funny woman with like qualities for LTR, but I'm too damned busy. I like flea markets, antiquing, KBLX, NPR, cooking, gardening and fixing my lipstick. You: slim to average size; emotionally present and available; above average looks; professional career; stylish; non-drinker, nonsmoker. Reply BT Box JA27B or call ★★3753.

"Valiantimes" Angel

Has staying power, will travel. Earth feels sacred the longer, slower we walk her. This part-Cherokee pedestrian doesn't fashion-tailor her conscience nor pay taxes for S&Ls. I do take another smooth cruisin', semi-retired, trim, health consciously gallant gal for my mate to share the best things in life which are free and low-cost: theatrical, healing, arts escapades/collaborations; poetic license trekking urban gypsy trails; skills exchange; mutual "generositease"; playful "laptime" (non-sexual awhile), then petting, gradually necking (mild bondage?). For me, safe sex equates pure and simple, accountability and minimal gadgetry/fluids exchange. Please, no S/M, smokers, druggers, —aholics, strong scents, put-downs. Detailed, creative humor guaranteed response. Equation dreamt: Love = honesty + simplicity + gentleness. Aloha! Reply BT Box JA28B or call ★★3754.

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BISEXUAL

Inexperienced Bisexual

Native San Franciscan, good-looking WM, 6'1", brown hair, blue/green eyes, 29-year-old doctoral student, prof., smart, healthy, athletic, stocky, warm, sensitive, safe, unpretentious conversationalist, and great at giving massages. If you find yourself interested in these attributes or if you are intrigued, I am eager to discuss the many possibilities. Let's talk! I promise to respond to all. 750 La Playa, #741, SF 94121 or call ★★3703.

Curious About You

Attractive young queer man seeks young (18-35) queer woman to teach me cunnilingus or just let me learn. I'm really attracted to comrades who know their true femininity. I've been interested in performing this service for a long time. No romance or intercourse included. Bisexuals and butches encouraged. Reply Box 311, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★3704.

Bi Man Seeks Bi Woman

Friendship, events, clubs, cafes. Recently began exploring new side of self, would love to share conversation/poss. relationship w/fun, grounded, bi/bi-friendly female. Race unimportant. Pls be attractive, stable, feminine, have depth. I am 32, 6'2", 190, br/bl; attr. WM w/similar qualities. Strt-looking/acting, funny, clean, healthy. E. Bay pref. but not necessary. Let's chat! Reply BT Box JA300B or call ★★3705.

Free Your Mind!

Be color blind, don't be so shallow. The funky divas have the right idea. After 10 years this smart, sarcastic, gorgeous, "Grace Jones" looking B/Bi/F is ready to try men again. Seeking a strong, funny, bi/gay man who is mature, attractive and addicted to dancing, hilarity and hot safe sex. Sorry, no blonds. I do chaps and garter belts with equal ease. Do you? Only boys with backbone need apply. Reply BT Box JA301B or call ★★3706.

Divorced Dad Of 8 y.o. Boy

Seeks divorced dad with similar age child(ren) for fun times with & without the kids. I'm tall, lean & hairy & into bikes, tennis, snow ski, healthy eating, massage & laughs. You be similar & willing to invest in friendship first. Call ★★3707.

I'm Curious...

... About sex with a woman. The weird thing is, I'm a man! I'm happily gay, but lately drawn erotically to members of (gasp) the opposite sex! Really, I've never, um, "done it" with a woman. What to do now except explore the exciting possibilities? I'm cute, slim, 5'9", 28, brown/blue, friendly and bright. Desire a woman of similar age for mutually pleasurable, safe activities (whatever those might be...). Call ★★3708.

Co-Slave Sought

My mistress would like to acquire another slave for her pleasure. Would like to meet bi male/female/other for servitude, B&D, forced feminization, intellectual stimulation and love play. Be 25 to 40 years old, cleanshaven and clever. Call ★★3709.

I'm Shy, Cute GAM

If you're mature, 20-35, weight/height proportionate, G/Bi, white/Latin, educated, with good moral values, like to hear from you. I'm 5'4", 120# and have moderated, toned build, smooth body. I'm easygoing. Would like to meet friends who appreciate a man who enjoys quiet times on the beach, jogging, weightlifting, body toning, general body health and meeting people. "GAM," PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3710.

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SHARED INTEREST

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Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★3731.

Poker Anyone? (Or Maybe Risk)

GWM, 30, seeks other guys looking for a poker game that's social, but also competitive. Or, if you're a serious Risk player who plays to win, that's cool, too. I live in Castro Valley, but commuting's no problem. Since the emphasis is on friendship, I'll meet all respondents first to ensure general compatibility. A photo (returnable with mine) is appreciated so there'll be no surprises on either end (but not required). Write: A.T.H., PO Box 281103, SF 94128.

Columbia River Gorge-Bound

... And looking for lesbian and gay contacts. I'm a mid-40s lesbian who recently bought land across from Hood River, Ore., and plan to build & relocate there in a couple of years. Meanwhile I'm seeking other kindred souls—trades/crafts-people, artists, writers, professionals, animal & plant lovers & the enviro-conscious, adventurous energetic career-transitioners, early retirees and other Californians-in-exile in the Pacific Northwest (especially in the Gorge area or nearby)—to establish a community of companions to help look out for one another in what has the potential for being gay-hostile territory... Measure 9 reportedly being attempted in Washington. Since I'll be up there several times a year, I'd certainly welcome meeting any contacts you send my way. Much obliged! Please write c/o Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146-0825.

Maui-Bound Dykes

Two single dykes going to Maui March 12. Looking for other dykes into scuba, sun and surf who want to go. Let's meet and talk. Please be clean & sober and smoke-free. Call ★★3733.

Movie/Home Video Fan

Seeking to connect with guys interested in bargain movie matinees and sharing videocassettes from extensive home collection. I'm late 40s, HIV+, tall, fit, well-read, with witty/irreverent sense of humor. San Francisco connections only. Call ★★3734.

Puede Usted Leer Este?

Soy un hombre norteamericano y necessito practicar Espanol. Quiero encontrar otra personas que les gustan practical Espanol y les gustan ir a la cine, fiestas, etc. Vivo cerca la calle Castro, and tengo 36 anos. Call ★★3735.

The Winner Is You!

If you enter sweepstakes and contests frequently for a hobby; I would like to meet other men who enter sweepstakes regularly and exchange sweeps info and details. Beginners are also encouraged to respond and learn more about this fun hobby. I've won my vacations for the past five years. Call ★★3736 now or write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

ASL Anyone?

GWM, 26, is looking for deaf or hearing men or women to get together and practice American Sign Language. I'm in my second semester and progressing fairly rapidly, but as with any language, I need "real" practice and would like to explore deaf culture. Let's meet at a cafe, the park, wherever, and use our hands! Reply BT Box JA600B or call ★★3737.

Recently Entered Your 30s?

Are you currently experiencing the kind of recreational exposure you desire? Adroit lesbians needed to perform complex assignments (hand out in cafes, bars, English pubs) to develop, apply and maintain chosen tasks (play cards, games, mankala), and to perform competent exchanges (chat). Excellent verbal communication and analytical skills a plus. Some Saturday evenings involved. Not looking for romance, I have a lover. Reply BT Box JA601B.

Sport Partner/Playmate

Post-war baby boomer lesbian, looking for sports, workout or running partners. You should be in decent shape with a desire to both improve yourself and to have fun. I live in central Marin. Your proximity would be helpful, but not essential. I'm also putting together a 5-7 day backpacking trip, possibly Mt. Whitney, Kings Canyon or Yosemite. Call ★★3738 or write PO Box 170643, SF 94117.

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9½-Year-Old Girl Seeks Girlfriends
I am new to Oakland's Adams Point Area and I would like to know if there are any other girls with lesbian moms in my neighborhood near Lake Merritt that might like to get to know me. I have a 7-year-old brother and an 11-year-old sister that visit every other weekend too that would like to make friends their age. Reply BT Box JA602B or call ★★3740.

Bipolar Support Group
An established peer support group of gays and lesbians is currently looking for possible new members. Current members are relatively stable and functional, and hope to remain so through continued mutual support. The Group's *Statement of Purpose:* To create a comfortable, safe environment, unaligned with any institution or professional therapy, within which lesbian, gay and bisexual persons with a diagnosis of bipolar (manic/depressive) disorder may gather for mutual support, understanding and information. For more information, please contact us. Reply BT Box JA603B or call ★★3741.

Overdue, Open-Hearted Organics
40s, down-to-earth but whimsical lesbian seeking one or more likeminded farmers, country-dreamers, with social consciousness, who want to settle in Northern California & create a non-dogmatic, humane, economically viable lifestyle. Envisioning both part-time farming & jobs, so it helps if you have a moveable career and are hardworking and fun-loving, willing to commit & take risks, and sure of your goals. Call ★★3742.

Nymph/Maiden/Crone
Established women's spiritual group seeking new members. Inclined toward paganism, celebrating life and each other through ritual, howling at the full moon, holy hijinx, drumming, chanting and recognizing the seasonal changes of our Mother Earth. So... if you do as thy will but harm no one, believe that life is a Spiral Dance, and that the Goddess is alive and magic is afoot, please call ★★3743.

Yang Needs Yin
Professional GAM, 29, wishes to meet my lesbian counterparts for harmonious friendship and to provide balance in our lives. I am intelligent, multicultural, straight-looking and have many interests. Most importantly, I am sincere, compassionate and genuinely interested in forming nurturing platonic friendships with like-minded lesbians. Call ★★3744.

Bay Area Booklovers' Meeting
Bay Area Booklovers, BABL, is a group of gays and lesbians who read fiction as if fiction mattered —books by authors such as Wolf, Yourcenar, Forster, Joyce, Proust, Gide... to their contemporary counterparts. BABL will meet on January 31 at 7 pm at Cafe Picaro, 3120 16th St., San Francisco. (P.S. Apologies for not responding individually.) Call ★★3745.

Music Buddies?
GWM, 38, great voice, seeks musicians to work toward performing for fun and perhaps profit. My influences are rooted in soul music, but also love soft, mood music of Mitchell, Taylor, etc., and rock, light rock, modern rock. I'm also a songwriter, guitarist/pianist. Call ★★3746.

Hot Springs
Weekend trips to Hot Springs (Orr, Wilbur). Innovative, bohemian queer guy looking for people interested in travel to Wilbur and Orr hot springs. I have a car and live in SF. Is anyone into electric cars, micro cars, siderial astrology? New technologies for good causes? UCSF steady worker. Call ★★3747.

TRANS

M-To-Fs Appreciated
Mature male seeks friendship with M-to-Fs. Possibly more. I am kind, gentle, cultured, spunky, athletic, solvent and fascinated with gender-blenders. I offer my appreciation for your courage to be who you are. Photo and word picture of yourself would be welcomed. Reply BT Box JA400B.

MEN

Slim Chinese Or Viet Wanted
Sincere WM, young for 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, blue eyes, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny, warmhearted Asian, 20-35, for sincere friend or possible lover. I'm caring, good listener, affectionate. Plus if you are foreign-born, nonsmoker, somewhat shy, enjoy exercise and/or not into bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★3756.

Asian Opportunity
If you are a GAM looking for a GWM who is handsome, trim, 5'10", 155#, clean-cut and a professional from the Financial District then this could be what you have been hoping for. I am one who is a sharing and caring individual who is into films, travel, biking, beach walks, interesting restaurants and other broadening experiences. I am not into bars and prefer nonsmokers. If you are ready for a possible relationship I would like to hear from you. Call ★★3757.

A Mind That Suits Thy Fair And Outward Character
Thoroughly modern Renaissance man seeks irreverent wag for thrills and frolics. Charm me with your art, entertain me with your wit, and share with me your very deepest passion. I'll happily be your clown in shining amor. I'm 36, moustached, HIV-, average only in height and weight, Euro mixed-breed, and a software exec. If you are early 30s and interested more in travel than in arrival, ring or post a likeness. Reply BT Box JA70B or call ★★3758.

Middle-Aged Beefcake
Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 45, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, nonsmoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Extraordinary...
Is the relationship that this single male is looking for and will have. Why settle for anything but the finest? If you are an unattached male with an insouciant, unconventional personality that can handle life's "situations" without going through "changes," then I would like to meet you and we can go from there... By the way, what do you want for Valentine's Day? Please forward your address, phone number and a recent picture, (we might see each other in a domestic/international airport and never know). I will return your picture. Call ★★3759.

Blond? Redhead? Freckles? Butch, Topman?
With a hairy, defined chest, HIV-, romantic guy. Me: 37, blond, HIV-, great kisser, 29 waist, defined, smooth, silky white bubble butt. East Bay. Let's settle down... come for a swim in my pool, or soak in my hot tub. A rustic setting. Call ★★3760.

Are You A Bluejean Kind Of Guy?
Height, eye and hair color, or amount of hair don't matter; health, financial independence, honesty, openness, curiosity, spontaneity and monogamy do. I seek GWM, 35-40, HIV-, attractive, not overweight, NS/ND, light drinker who likes to dance (CW preferred), cuddle, kiss, hold hands, walk, read, sing and explore. Me: GWM, 40, 5'11", 175#, HIV-, brown/brown, and slim build. I want a man who wears blue jeans, wants a homelife with one special man and who can express his feelings. This ad describes us both. Want to try? Call ★★3761.

Where Are You?
You: 6' and taller, buffed and attractive, with a caring and affectionate personality and broad-minded. Me: 6'1", 165 lbs., dark-skinned, strikingly attractive and very attracted to big, tall, in-shape men. Let's meet and see what happens. Call ★★3762.

Are You An "S" Man?
I realize that most things I want are "S" words: sincere, steady, sexy, etc. Is this what you are seeking? If so, I'm a 42 y.o. Canadian by birth, who is 5'7", 190#, and interested in meeting that special (again an "S" word) person in mid-30s to mid-40s, with whom I can form a relationship. Are you interested in a UC graduate who used to be married, has one child (and a good relationship with ex-wife) and is a professional? Do you care that I play casual bridge, poor bowling, and competitive racquetball? If so, reply BT Box JA71B or call ★★3763.

Available For Magic
55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional; emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, mid-40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box JA72B or call ★★3822.

Muscle Man
You're muscular, macho, masculine and buffed, but enjoy being bottom to 6'1", 165 lbs., smooth, soft, dark-skinned, androgynously beautiful guy. Call ★★3764.

East Bay Pussy Boy
Wants to show you his hole, get you hard, take you up the ass, thank you for giving it to him, and beg you for more. (I like dirty talk.) Stats: 5'4", 145#, Black, 40 y.o., smoker. Please be in decent shape and attractive. This is not just a sex ad. I want to meet you and be seduced. Reply BT Box JA73B or call ★★3765.

Seeking Dominant Man
Dominant man into S&M and humiliation scenes sought for possible relationship by very good-looking WM, masculine and well-built, 36, 5'10", eager to fulfill your unusual or kinky desires (but nothing too intense or unsafe). Looking for sophisticated man who is masculine, preferably hairy, 35-45, good talker and knows what he wants. Call ★★3766.

Integrity And Honesty
GWM, 45, HIV-, 175#, 6', br/gr, professional, conservative, well-educated, financially secure, stable, balanced, cleanshaven, confident, nonsmoker, no drugs, seeks masculine, relationship-oriented GWM, preferably 30-50, to share the joy of living and loving. Not into bar scene; interests include running, reading, theater, traveling, solid friendships, humor, movies. Reply BT Box JA74B.

A Glimpse Of...
An intelligent, passionate man in his mid-20s. So much of my life is good. But love makes the good more fulfilling (funny that). I am: silly, romantic, sorta interleckshul, informed, opinionated, open-minded, talkative, stable, 6'2", 165#, HIV-. I don't: smoke, use, watch TV, vote right of center. I'm excited by: heated chemistry, intense conversations, smoldering gazes, passionate kisses, warm embraces, loving friends, tingling caresses, making a difference. I want: an extraordinary man in his 20s who loves life and has solid character. Your letter and photo gets mine. Tell me enough about yourself and describe a recent experience that's given you goosebumps. PO Box 11932, Stanford 94309-1932.

Educated Asian
GAM, 29, 5'8", slim, dependable, employed, college graduate, no smoke/drug. Like antiques, arts, classical music, beaches and quiet evenings. Seek intelligent, stable GWM, 29-45, for long-term monogamous relationship; friendship first. Reply BT Box JA75B or call ★★3767.

Asian Aroused
And looking for landing. Seeking traditional family values: intimacy, sharing and long-term compatibility. Adventurous, intellectual, masculine yet sensitive describe me. Handsome and fit, 5'6", 128 lbs., early 30s. Would like to meet sweet and cute guy or compatible equal near my age or younger. Race unimportant. 5214-F Diamond Hts Blvd., Box 812, SF 94131.

Looking For Chubby Buddy
I'm 47, beefy bear, bottom, masculine and sincere. Looking to meet masculine, chubby guy, 25-45, for friendship and more. Let's meet and get to know each other. I live in SF. Send photo to PO Box 291, Daly City 94016 or call ★★3768.

Sonoma Co. Fuckbuddy(s) Wanted
It doesn't have to be love to be pleasurable. I'm a friendly, good-in-bed, masculine, 45 y.o. WM desiring to meet a WM sngl/cpl under 40 that equally enjoys TLC sex. Me: 5'7", br/blu, (thinning), HIV-, clean-cut, average build, nice-looking, sexually versatile but not kinky, prefer similar. Your place or mine. Newcomers, first-timers OK. Discretion assured. PO Box 6643, Santa Rosa 95406 or call ★★3769. Don't be shy, try.

Jewish Or Jewish-Looking?
You just might be my type! Me: GWM, 28, br/br, 5'10", 135 lbs., HIV-, hung, fair-skinned, boyish, intelligent, 70 percent bottom. You: GJM (or similar), 28 to 40, HIV-, gym or athletic build (trim, not fat), hung, the more facial/body hair the better, 70 percent top, professional preferred. Object: love affair, boyfriend, maybe more. Photo/info to PO Box 2264, SF 94126 or call ★★3770.

Massage Junkie
Love kneading your sore muscles on my table. If you are slender/med. build, in good shape, mostly bottom & want a relaxing time—in the City or the river—send pic & description. Warm up in this rain. Me: 39, blond, blue, 5'8", 140#. Photo to: Box 471, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★3771.

All I Need Is You
GWM, 45, 5'10", 150#, brn/grn, HIV-, considerate, honest, shy, affectionate. Likes sci-fi, Buddhism, movies, classical music, Macintosh, sharing quiet time together. Seeking friendship with good people. Want monogamous relationship. Looking for GWM, very slender only, 30-45, integrity, sincerity, affectionate, positive outlook. Prefer very slender, dark-haired, little body hair, bottom. No drugs, no smoking. PO Box 642, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★3772.

Camille Paglia Thinks I'm An Idiot...
... I'm out of the closet, feminist and capable of linear thought. Are you an idiot, too? Some of our other salient characteristics include: liberal politics, an easy laugh, emotional competence, a sleek, well-oiled brain, a humanist, experiential world-view rather than a moral one, a taste for creative adventure and an athletic, 28 ±8-year-old body with a yen for exercise—in the mountains, on the street, at the beach or in the sack. Potential points of divergence include but are not limited to: (1) General appearance; I'm handsome, 5'6", blond-haired, blue-eyed elf. (2) Occupational identity; I'm a diligent graduate student in the sciences while the sun shines, a humanities wannabe dilettante the rest of the time. Photo (returned) and letter to BT Box JA76B or call ★★3773.

A Passion—
For life, for romance, for intimacy with its trust, vulnerabilities, and honesty. Handsome, masculine, HIV-, 37 y.o., GWM, 6'2", br/blue, 195#, NS/ND, professional. I'm emotionally aware and available as well as being introspective and spiritual; caring and non-egocentric, touching



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and relationship-oriented. Athletic, work out, like to laugh, walk on a beach, or rest in front of a fire, hike or travel. Would like to meet other professional, attractive, masculine, HIV- GM, 33-43, with some similar interests and values for a possible friendship/relationship. Call ★★3774.

An Appealing Asian Guy

GWM wants to develop a meaningful relationship with you. I am attractive, affectionate & sincere. Call me down-to-earth & appealing. Masculine & caring. Youthful late 30s, 5'10", 160, healthy & toned body. Nonsmoker/drinker. You are preferably under 39, healthy, medium/slender build, attractive & friendly. Varied interests including hiking, gardening, dancing, keeping fit, movies, cars. And sharing intimate evenings alone with you. I look forward to our times of getting to know one another. Please, sincere & serious-minded only. Call ★★3775.

Great Lovers Are Great Friends

I'm 6'2", 165, blk/grn, handsome, free-spirited Southerner, 30s, HIV-, new to city. I love being spontaneous, keeping fit, motorcycling, giving, laughing, campfires, healthy cooking, cats, smooth bodies (blonds a+), meditating, and simple living. Seeking an attractive and fit, cleanshaven optimist around my age who doesn't smoke or do drugs, has little body hair and no attitude, and doesn't need me to be happy. Call ★★3776.

Can You Do Your Own Tool?

If you are 30+ and would like to have a videotape of yourself in action, healthy GWM who is fascinated by men who can suck themselves off will be happy to provide this service. Completely discreet, confidential and safe. If you are interested, send description and photo (returnable—xerox OK) to Boxholder, 740A 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★3777.

Asian Sought

GWM, 31, 5'8", 155 lbs., attractive, easygoing, HIV-, looking for that special Asian male, 25-35, who is relationship-oriented. Our interests include: outdoors, camping, cuddling, sex, gardening, biking, art, movies. We are both health-conscious (non-smoker, drugs, drinking) and exercise regularly. Please call, I want you to be my Valentine! Call ★★3778.

Spiritually Inclined, Handsome & Romantic!

Emotionally & financially secure, honest, compassionate, NS/ND, HIV-, healthy & fit, 30-something GWM into traveling, massage, my home, inner-growth, *A Course in Miracles*, Unity & Science of Mind, spicy Reds & Sauvignon Blancs, Red Zinger & Good Earth decaffeinated teas and making you melt, purrrr mmm good! Looking for similar in soulmate. Please write soon with photo (flannel sheets and fireplace aren't enough) describing yourself physically, emotionally, spiritually, sexually, professionally, goals & dreams and why you would make a great Valentine. Reply BT Box JA77B or call ★★3779.

Asian Daddy's Boy Wanted

For relationship with stable professional. I'm in my 40s, 6' tall, 160 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker/drinker, and not into gay scene. I'm caring, discreet with traditional values. I need a cleanshaven Asian in his 20s, for companionship, including safe sex. If you are shy or have special needs, I'll put you at ease. Reply to the Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★3780.

Many Possibilities

Haven't yet found lifemate (1st choice), so friendly, safe, sex pal viable alternative. I'm 5'8", stocky, attractive; we're both 45-55, HIV-, GWM, SF to SJ preferred, need regular, sensual intimacy. We want lots of cuddling, kissing, FrA/P (perhaps some Gr, toys, videos, fantasies). We'll explore on gentle, safe, sensual level. No illusions, but maybe relationship will develop. Call or write w/photo—all answered. Risk it—who knows. Reply BT Box JA78B or call ★★3781.

Boyfriend Material

Handsome & fit prof. GWM, 35, 6', 165#, HIV-, likes include art, music, motorcycles, clubs, cafes, TV & thrift shops, but chemistry is as important as shared interests. I'm stable, romantic, politically aware, funny, have a positive outlook and am comfortable being gay. I have goals, but I'm not obsessed with them. I'm open to a long-term, monogamous relationship with a GWM, GAM or GLM under 35. Reply BT Box JA79B or call ★★3782.

New Year's Resolution #520B

Seeking to broaden my friendships to a deeper and more compassionate level. Sex is great although more interested in a companion to share interests and time. Love CW dance, the outdoors, long walks, dining in/out, cuddling, romance and warm chocolate chip cookies. Call ★★3783.

Testing For Endurance

HIV+ (if that matters), healthy, masculine, fit, 33, 5'6", 135 lbs., Latin, nonsmoker, employed, educated, irreverent humor and perspective, eclectic mind and interests, predictable lifestyle with twists, talk is good and other sounds as well, seeks compatible others interested in the adventure of life in bed and in public. Explain yourself. Reply BT Box JA80B.

Get Down On Your Knees

If you've been fantasizing about domination, bondage, S/M, or other forbidden games, this trim, attractive, hairy white top, mid-40s, will firmly, safely guide you to your own personal abyss. Preferences honored, limits respected, buttons pushed. Novices especially welcome, as are queer punks, skinny yuppies, college kids. "There's a certain satisfaction in a little bit of pain." Don't just dream it; let's play. Call ★★3784.

My Dinner With ?

Well-read, verbally adept professional sought for dinner or a lifetime. I am a GWM, 28, mentally sharp, physically fit, politically liberal and unpretentious. You are 25-35, smart and college-educated, SF-based, and HIV-. Mutual interests might include good reading, writing, politics, theater, choral music and running. Yes to optimism, wit, spirituality. No to smokers, 12-steppers, bar regulars and Republicans. Call ★★3785.

East Bay Sensualist

Bright, eye-pleasing 38 y.o. clean liver wants to affectionately/gymnastically play with very physical, nicely built, demonstrative and assertive guy in his 20s to early 40s. I'm 6'3", wirey muscled at a lean 168 lbs., blond, expressively blue-eyed and responsible. Love to caress, kiss, wrestle and condomizedly trade top & bottom positions with a responsible, sex-loving stud who, like me, can luxuriate in foreplay as well as in the "act." Call ★★3786.

In Sync

We move with grace and vigor, naturally radiating refined masculinity... We look wholesome and youthful, with a ready smile that suggests openness and friendliness... We speak softly with clarity and sincerity, secure in who we are... In our pursuit of the mind, body and soul, we strive for excellence and purity without letting successes cloud our being... We possess impeccable tastes and curiosity aplenty, but eschew materialism for a minimalist but elegant lifestyle... We have traversed the world, but still welcome adventure, friendship and maybe more with men of our kind. If we are in sync, this highly educated, professionally secure, athletic GAM, 32, 5'9", 145 lbs., awaits you. Photo a big plus. Reply BT Box JA81B or call ★★3787.

No Oral/No Anal

Just mutual admiration and getting off on touching and playing with each other's hairy, muscular bods. Me: 35, handsome, hairy, hunky, healthy, discreet. You: 25-40, masculine, dark-haired, hairy-chested, beefy or built. Let's get together for some safe, one-on-one fun. Call ★★3788.

Looking For A Good Grin

Or at least a wide smile. Of course it wouldn't hurt if you have a handsome face and muscular body attached. I've got all of the above—honest. I do have ants in my apartment, though. Well, hell, nobody's perfect. You don't have to be, either—but you must be sexy and happy. I'm 36, HIV-. Reply BT Box JA82B or call ★★3789.

Afternoon Intimacy

Already have relationship. Need sensual and affectionate time with a man friend, any ethnicity. I'm 6'1", 190 lbs., strong, hairy chest, masculine, hazel eyes, flat top with long brown hair in back, full dark beard, great butt. Looking for a man who is top/versatile, likes massage, hugging. Latins or other dark men especially encouraged. Goatees, dark hair are pluses. No cigarettes. Send letter and phone no. to Boxholder, PO Box 7, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3790.

Seeking Big Brother

GAM, 36, 5'6", 115#, recently discovered my identity. Like to meet a big brother to guide me through life. Prefer Asian, straight-acting, slim to medium built, ND, NS, HIV- and interested in potential long-term relationship. I am loving, sensitive and sincere. I enjoy simple things like cuddling on cold nights, strolling on the beach/in the redwoods, taking weekend trips. Let us connect and explore. Call ★★3791.

Nice

GWM, boomer baby, HIV-, good-looking, masculine, sexy; brown hair, hazel eyes, soft moustache; broad shoulders, nice pecs, strong arms; 6', 170#, 42 young years; 501s, jockeys, jocks; Bonnie, Benny, Gladys; gardens, decks, fishponds; dogs, birds, kittens; softball, bowling, weights. You: hairy chest/lip, handsome/sexy looks; Italian/French/Portuguese; nice body, good legs, versatile; 30+, height/weight proportioned; TLC, beaches, togetherness. Call ★★3792.

I Have A Heart, A Brain & Even C-C-Courage

Now I want to wake up next to another man who's been to Oz. I enjoy poetry, politics, vegetarian cuisine, comedy, film (fanatically), theater, body-surfing and quite possibly you: 28-35 (give or take) and open to abiding love. Your being cleanshaven and smooth will enhance my first impression. Your being spontaneous, creative, adventurous & warm will capture my imagination. I'm 39, 5'9", 150 lbs., HIV- (you too, please), fit, handsome & humble. I direct a nonprofit global youth network and see the world. I want to share this good life with an altruistic soul for whom intimacy means honest communication. I love to bring home flowers, cuddle & fall asleep with my sweetheart in my arms. If you'll be my Tinman (or Scarecrow or Lion), send letter & photo to BT Box JA83B or call ★★3793.

Take A Chance

Fun-loving GWM, 6'2", 170 lbs., 41 y.o., brown eyes, brown hair, HIV-, NS, professional seeking friend first. You might share some of these interests (and be around my age or younger): beaches, theater, running, long talks, coffee shops, political activities, eating out. Send letter. Reply BT Box JA84B or call ★★3794.

HIV/ARC/AIDS

You've adjusted and enjoy your life. You're on disability (or you work), but have adjusted to limited energy and/or income. You smoke (or don't care if others do). You might drink, though alcohol doesn't run your life. You don't do speed, crack, IV drugs. You: GWM, 5'3"-6'10", 33-49, slender or muscular build. You're top or versatile, into Greek/French. You volunteer (or not). Politically, you're active (at least vote), not right-wing. Me: 5'7", 128#, moustache, blond (longish-balding), blue, 39. Send a letter (picture appreciated): Occupant, Box 512, 737 Post, SF 94109.

Let's Fall In Love

I'm handsome, very masculine, affectionate, romantic. I'm 29, 5'11", 170 & I work out. Looking for men with the above qualities in a top. I love to kiss & cuddle for hours. I love Italians & big men but open to all other masculine, handsome men. I like outdoors, bowling, going to movies, concerts, romantic nights. Tell me what you like. Be my Valentine! Call ★★3795.

I'm

An attractive Mexican American, 29, 5'10", 150 lbs., and new to San Francisco. I'm looking for a guy who, like myself, is very easygoing, politically aware and open-minded. I'm educated, professionally employed and into traveling. I also enjoy racquetball, playing pool, some ultimate and mountain biking (I'm new at it). If you're healthy, between 25 and 33 and somewhat like-minded, please reply. Race/ethnicity not an issue. Reply BT Box JA85B or call ★★3796.

Who Says 63 Is Too Old?

GWM, 6'4", 145 lbs., HIV-, seeks partner, any race, to share his retirement. Enthusiasms: Romanesque architecture, choral music, Indian food, Gilbert & Sullivan, foreign films, gingersnaps. Reply BT Box JA86B or call ★★3797.

Hot! Masculine Latin

Looking for a man who is not ashamed of combining his masculinity with his being gay. I'm 29, 5'11", 170 lbs., work out 6 times a week. I assure you no disappointment here, what I ask of you is that you too are masculine, athletic, not affected by your sexuality, not heavy into gay scene, straight-acting & proud of your looks without being conceited. Your photo will get mine (white or Latin men only). Call ★★3798.

Time On My Hands

Retired from the 9-5 routine but not from sexing around. Healthy, gray WM, 6 ft., 165 lbs., seeking playmate to strip nude for tit-nipping and mutual JO. No strings attached. Nonsmoker only. Write: BT Box JA87B or call ★★3799.

Taking My Cue

I understand that your affection for me is great. I also understand and accept that you want to go no farther with me. I am sad as I wish otherwise, however, I am grateful to have explored as far as we did. As I sat behind the eight ball those Sunday evenings, I observed that you were the embodiment and expression of my potentialities: my karmic opposite. You afforded me greater self-knowledge and greater self-love. You were a fine teacher and a fine hero. I respect and love you. In by, blessed be.

Be My Valentine

Look no further. This is the ad for you. You want to answer. I'm very handsome, masculine, affectionate, romantic. I'm 29, 5'11", 170# & I work out. Looking for men with the above quality who's a top. I like to bowl, go to movies, camping, kissing, cuddling, Italians, big men & romantic nights. I would love to find a boyfriend. Tell me what you like. You won't be sorry! Call ★★3800.

Dating Material

GJM, 40, 6', 165 lbs., HIV-, trim, gym-toned, energetic, short-cropped hair, cleanshaven, hazel eyes and a great smile. Happy, relaxed, romantic, versatile, affectionate, educated, well-traveled, sense of humor, non-drinker, love movies, theater, museums, dining in/out, quiet times at home, gardening, and financially stable. Wish to meet a financially secure man, 35-45, lean, who shares some of the above interests and qualities. Not looking for perfection or a clone but should be skilled in communicating and enjoy sleeping with another person. Chemistry is a must. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JA88B or call ★★3801.

Good-Looking With A Great Fuzzy Belly

GWM, 39, brown hair, blue eyes, beard, great thighs, calves, big fuzzy belly, HIV-; carry my 280 lbs. well. If you're 27-mid-30s, have a great body, good looks, a personality, don't mind cigs, a few drinks, some pot, a sick sense of humor; if you can take it or give it and want it, then let's do it. Reply BT Box JA89B or call ★★3802.

My Two Gay Brothers

Think I am cute. How's that for a testimonial! GWM, 26, 5'10", 149 lbs., HIV-, brown hair, hazel eyes, gym-toned body, Ohio-grown. Looking for a cute, unattached, boy-next-door type (20-29) to date with a possible relationship in mind. 2300 Market St., #89, SF 94114 or call ★★3803.

Your Head On My Shoulder

Sunday afternoon in my Potrero Hill flat, looking out over the Mission toward Twin Peaks, listening to jazz, and thinking about the last time I visited Seattle. My lean 5'10" frame curled up in my '50s sofa, rereading a Robertson Davies novel. Thinking about what we might do today: driving your beat up old car to Rockridge where we nurse our coffee and argue about the Jeff Koons show; going to an early movie at a mostly empty theater; or, best of all, sipping tea from a steaming thermos at Ocean Beach with my arm around your and your head nestled on my shoulder as the gulls scream overhead. Call ★★3804.

Make Me Really Think, Laugh And Come

... And in that order. Fun, sexy, masculine, muscular, clean-cut, GWM, 29 y.o., 5'8", 155 lbs., br/hzl, work out, cleanshaven, HIV-, Harvard MBA yet down-to-earth guy. Good-looking, great legs, lightly furry pecs, short balding hair (military looking), bright eyes, big smile, and warm heart. Very outgoing, energetic, Southerner-in-exile (no accent though) abounding in contrasts and contradictions. Like cats, travel, planes, bridge, languages, skiing, REM, New Order, Mozart, Marquez, Forster, NY Times, Economist, the beach, T-shirt/jeans/workboots, tennis, good food, working out, goofing around, cafe lattes, dark chocolate turtles, and balance in life. Looking for honest, in-shape, clean-cut, cleanshaven GWM near my age, HIV-, with a brain, a sense of humor, a heart, and a zest for life to date and see what happens. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 191226, SF 94119 or call ★★3805.

A Marin WM, 40, would like to occasionally share the exploration of homosexual fantasies with a similarly desirous, discreet, daytime playmate, who has a safe and private space for us. I would share my best with a gentle man. Let us communicate from the heart and see how much fun we can create & share with our minds and our bodies. Please no smokers, no drugs, and no alcohol. HIV-. Reply BT Box JA138B.

Mature, Hairy, 'Stache, 35-50 Needed

Me: Hawaiian-Filipino-Portuguese, mid-30s, 5'6", black hair, 'stache; luvs kissing, cuddling; can be top/bottom. You: tall, hairy, 'stache, likes to cuddle, versatile. Send phone/photo to PO Box 8351, Roseland 95407. Live in No. Bay/Sonoma County. LTR poss.

Leather Fetish Sex

Sexually versatile, HIV- GWM seeks HIV- partner who enjoys doing it in leather: bare-assed penetration in chaps, bumping and grinding in leather jocks, bondage in full leather, dominance and submission in hoods, mug muzzling gloves, in your face codpieces, tall boots, skintight gear, leather, leather, leather. I'm handsome, 40, 5'11", 160#, with a nice build, a great personality, and a playful and intense sexual imagination. Call ★★3807.

Slim Chinese Or Viet Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor seeks trim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121 or call ★★3808.

Haiku Romance

Simple yet poignant/ Poetic and passionate/ Safe and perfectly natural./ This professional GAM, mid-30s, with an interest in affairs of the heart and spirit invites you to a great evening of sharing, good conversation and more. You are younger or older, any race but gentle, sincere, with a love of laughter and good times. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Write... Reply BT Box JA90B.

Spanking Priest Or Stepdad

Wanted by sincere WM, young for 43, slim, 6'2", 170 lbs., nice smooth buns, HIV-, cleanshaven, blue eyes. Seeks strict but caring older guy with strong hand and strap, for traditional corporal punishment-style bare butt "beating." Prefer no overt sex in this context. Caring attitude important. In letter, say enough. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 14794, SF 94114. Any race OK. Plus if spiritual.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 33 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response, Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★3809.

I'm 36, 6', 175#, healthy, happy and HIV+. Life's challenges help me grow and succeed. My success comes from the heart, truth, and excellent friends. I'm handsome, well-built, well-hung, honest and self-aware. I love aggressive, sexy men with provocative smiles, tender hearts and the fearlessness to cry when feeling hurt. Today I found out one of my excellent friends wasn't so excellent. Now it's my turn to cry. Call ★★3810.

You Are An Achiever

Yet, like me, you know one's life is more than one's resume and seek another intelligent, attractive, NS, HIV- GM who accepts being gay to explore passion, intimacy, spirituality & monogamy. Casanova was wrong! The best sex I've ever had has been in such a relationship. My demos: 6'1", 170#, bl/bl, 30s. Call ★★3811.

Conditional Love

Tall, funny, handsome, very young 35, QWM, with a perfect penis wants a man with balls. Loves: bumper cars, the Tonga Room, Diamanda Galas, the Mother Lode, Joan Didion, b&w movies, food, Glide Church, Sandy B, hot sex. You: passionate about something (other than me), gorgeous (but not more than me), have long hair (longer than mine?), sarcastic, spontaneous, verbal. Call ★★3812.

Very Good-Looking

32 (look 25), muscular (serious gym buff), 5'8", 148 lbs., exotic mixture (look Italian), HIV+ and healthy. Looking for easygoing, good-looking guy, health-conscious, open-minded about spirituality, with a positive attitude. Not into: smokers, druggers or boozers. Into: fidelity, trust, loyalty, honesty, romance, friendship, travel, movies, scuba, etc. Send photo and letter to: BT Box JA91B. Will answer all with photos; photos returned upon request. Thank you.

I Like Ass

This attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs., top, is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees. You: attractive GWM, 18-35, with a hungry butt. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now. Call ★★3813.

Deep In My Soul

GAM, 22, 5'7", 160, blk/brn, seeks single guys, 21-30, for friendship, dating and a possible first-time boyfriend-type relationship. Please be fun, into romance, down-to-earth, and yourself. I'm caring, honest, sincere, easygoing, fun and loving. My interests vary just like yours, so call and let's get acquainted to see if we have the right chemistry for the formula of everlasting love. Call ★★3814.

The Fundamental Thing Remains

Bargain matinee. Gray Saturday. Chinese meal. Talk. Mattress on the floor. Lovemaking—slow, conscious. Rachmaninoff on CD. Candlelight. Falling—softly. Rain. You: 25-40, HIV-, masculine, clean-cut, trim/defined, strongly sexed, unambiguously gay, unpretentious, uncomplicated, non-judgmental, independent, sweet-natured, available, non-user, seeking... Me: 56, 6'2", 210, HIV-, FrP/FrA/GrA, hairy,

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Sick Of Bars

Young, cute, blond, intelligent, sarcastic professional seeking older (25-39) guy with younger spirit for romance & poss. relationship. Let's talk and laugh and eat together before sleeping together—because we both know sex gets better the better we know each other. Points for: brains, stability, commitment, sense of humor, sexy hairline. Deductions for: misplaced body hair, big fat egos, one-nighters. Call ★★3816.

I'm A Musician Too

I'm looking for a tall, thin man in a leather jacket with dark facial hair, especially, but not necessarily, the one who drove a green truck to Sherman Clay on January 15. (I'd like to hear more of your piano playing.) I'm 34 years old, 6', 165 lbs. I'm looking for a top with talent and sensitivity. Oh yeah, and I give a great massage. Call ★★3817.

Into Spanking

GWM, 41, 5'10", 165 lbs., dark hair, green eyes, bearded, hairy, likes spanking as well as kissing, cuddling, J/O, massage. You should be a WM under 50, height & weight proportionate, preferably hairy. You enjoy give and take, but not into heavy pain or scenes. Open to friendship/relationship. Write with phone & photo to Boxholder, PO Box 424771, SF 94142-4771 or call ★★3818.

Latin Top Wanted

GWM, hot bottom, 45, look 35, handsome, HIV+, slim, masculine, passive, romantic, buddy or relationship. Send photo, will return. B.H., 400 Walnut St., #333, Redwood City 94061 or call ★★3819.

Companion

GWM, 39, 6', 195#, s&p, 'stache, HIV-, masc. seeks older, heavier, longer hair, hairy companion/suck buddy. I enjoy home, progressive music, video, food, cards, walks, books, simple lifestyle. Couch potatoes OK. Reply PO Box 194022, SF 94119 or call ★★3820.

Asian Partner

Sought by good-looking, masculine, professional GWM, HIV-, young 40s, with trim build (5'8", 140 lbs., br/bl). You should be HIV-, too, 28-43, attractive, trim and, like me, sexy, passionate, affectionate. Together we are nonsmokers/non-substance abusers, enjoy movies, theater, art, travel, keeping in-shape, and are seeking a relationship based on communication and trust. Your letter and photo gets mine in return. Reply BT Box JA92B or call ★★3821.

Irishman Looking For Rove

You like older men, I like younger. Are you young, healthy man, 18-35, who desires love, sex and friendship with Irishman, 53 yrs. young? When all three go together, it's wonderful. If you are Irish or Oriental a plus, but am attracted to all young men attracted to me. I'm ready! Are you? Write to me. Box 8522, 537 Jones St., SF 94102.

"The Real Thing"

Tired of answering ads where most are fabricated lies? The following is the real thing: I'm extremely good-looking, moustache, 6', 175 (30 waist), 40 yrs. old, HIV+ (healthy), professional. I'm looking for a muscular top, good-looking, well-hung, into CB/T, bondage, leather, one-on-one man sex, also cuddling and hot kisser—possible relationship, definitely a friendship. If you're not the real thing, please don't lie. Reply BT Box JA93B or call ★★3823.

At Last

Attractive, albeit middle aged (45) and short (5'6", 135), GWM has high hopes for '93, a year of creativity, adventure, accomplishment, and new beginnings. I'm also moustached, HIV-, romantic, exclusively oral, relatively intelligent, independent, sober and, at last, emotionally available. You are 30-50, good-looking, healthy, honest, artistically inclined, pensive but not dour, compassionate, affectionate—a regular guy who's really rather exceptional. A letter and photo will be appreciated. Reply BT Box JA94B or call ★★3824.

G'Day Mate!

Just back from 3 weeks relaxing in Australia, I've figured out what I seek in a mate: an energized, masculine animal who is playful, a wordsmith with an intelligent mind—such as a career person or successful artist, excited by bondage/S&M scenes, but not already in permanent bondage to San Francisco. Dark-haired, HIV-, between 25 and 45, my mate is probably under 6' and definitely enjoys Greek, both ways, safely. I'm a career-oriented professional, 39, a broad-shouldered, strong-chested Sagittarius, independent, but very affectionate, I'm 6', hairy all over (except up top) with a big moustache and long-lasting staying power when I'm topping someone I love. We enjoy playing cards (or other games!) with another couple, movies and the theater, bicycling and perhaps swimming laps together. Bars and bathhouses are not the places to meet a long-term friend and form a stable relationship. Write today and begin sharing your hopes, dreams and fears with someone who cares, you boy-man you! G'day Mate, 5 Town & Country Village, Box 728, San Jose 95128.

Head Hunter

WM: trim, washboard body on this 5'6", 135 lb. frame. Above-average good looks, brn/brn, 49; handsome, full 7" + cock. Looking to share time, warm hugs and phenomenal head (no Greek) with good-humored guys with extra big dicks. I'm smart, affectionate, have an irreverent sense of humor, am emotionally secure and available. Do you keep in shape? Wanna date? Friendship a possibility. Let's talk! Call ★★3825.

Seeking Monogamous Relationship

I'm a big man, 44, 6'2". I work out regularly and seek a lean man to 30ish who searches for the company and possible meaningful affair with a mature, loving, honest, giving, attractive person like myself. I would want him to be HIV- and, like myself, a Star Trek fan would be nice! I enjoy biking and hiking. I'm in West Marin. AMS, PO Box 835, Inverness 94927.

Together In Christ

Sunday church, quiet nights at home, walking through parks, romantic dinners, long talks, quality time, unconditional fidelity, pro-life minded, praying together, morality, asking God to direct our lives daily through prayer, loving the other through Jesus. Not just a pipe dream, it exists and it can happen and I'm searching for the man who wants it too. Me: Sincere, liturgical Christian (not into MCC theology), passionate and warm, intense but playful, energetic, attractive, prayerful, love for icons, liturgy, romance, museums, music, good food and good times and the many other wonderful gifts God has given in life. I'm 25, tall, 175 lbs., considered handsome, trim moustache, black hair, American/Asian background, good sense of humor, professional and looking for that special Christian man to share life with. You: Christian GWM, compatible and enthusiastic about the above, actively participating than just "tolerant," 30 to 40, hirsute and/or facial haired, masculine but gentle spirited, but most of all able to love and be loved. If moved to respond, please do so with a detailed letter about yourself or leave a message. (Only serious responses please.) Reply BT Box JA95B or call ★★3827.

An Equal

Goal: Slowly enter into a lasting, monogamous relationship based on love and mutual commitment. Would like to eventually co-habitate with hopes of creating a family by having or adopting children and acquiring pets. Me: 33 yrs., financial district type, international background, financially secure, graduate degree, 5'11", 165 lbs., straight-acting, HIV-, drug-free/nonsmoker, John boy looks, brn/hzl, cleanshaven. Close with family and friends, independent, grown up, just a touch of wild. Want to move to Marin. Interests: swim regularly, weightlifting, computers, getting together with friends, calling family on the phone, dancing, beaches, quiet dinners, the economy, making love in interesting places. Strengths: kindness, patience, ability to listen. Support of family and friends, nice smile, strong libido, enthusiastic about life. Weakness for: eyes with laughter, kisses that go on forever, Oreo cookies, terrific bodies, building sandcastles, large appendages, puppies, slow dancing. Turn-offs: stand and model types, party addicts, no integrity, insecurity. You: ability to laugh at life, to express and receive emotion. Close with family and friends. HIV-, 28-37 yrs., financially secure, 5'11" +, good-looking, all-American type, into sports, children and animals. Strong libido, cleanshaven, drug-free, nonsmoker, desire and strength to work on a relationship. Requirements: honesty, photograph (will be returned). Reply BT Box JA96B or call ★★3828.

Seeking Friend

To share the magic of the parks, beaches, cafes, dancing, museums, architecture, many cultures. I appreciate personal strength, silliness, depth, sincerity. Non-jaded, grounded, self-aware are also pluses. I'm 36, live in Central Valley, visit the City often. Hope to relocate within a year. Write PO Box 161732, Sacramento 95816 or call ★★3829.

Sensual Gymnast

Lithely muscled limbs attached to taut, tight, classically Nordic torso, all navigated by brightly affectionate, playful psyche just backstage from fetching, blue-eyed, blond-maned face... This tall, 38 y.o., giving guy wants your studly built, hunky or wiry-slender, 20s to early-40s body with which to cuddle, tussle, scrimmage and smilingly, safely explore our carnal impulses. Call ★★3830.

Rare And Beautiful

GWM, writer/athlete, very manly, sensuous, 40s, 5'10", 165#, defined, hard, hairy body. Naturally aggressive lover. Non-mainstream. Allergic to trend, affectation, co-dependence and herd-thought. Looking for monogamous intimacy and rapture with an HIV-, tall, slim, dark-haired, hairy GWM, 35-55. Nonsmoking, gym-addicted, down-to-earth. We share diverse interests in outdoors, sports, arts and quality time at home. We key on integrity, wit, intelligence, sensitivity and molten libidos. Call ★★3831.

Chinese Romantic

41, 5'9", 175#, HIV-, seeks sincere male, 25-40, for friendship or relationship. Average-looking and slightly overweight, but friends say I have a warm and loving heart. Interests: romantic evenings, movies, music, singing, travels, photography, computers, table tennis, Cantonese. Physical beauty is a passing phase while inner beauty lasts forever. Life is too short for loneliness. Let us become one and reach for the stars together. Reply BT Box JA97B or call ★★3832.

Latino Lover

Looking for a man (Latino, Black or white) who can keep up with my energy and enthusiasm for life. I'm a professional with working class values. Interests include walking, hiking, kissing, movies, A's baseball, music and honest conversation. I'm 37, 6', 190 lbs., indigenous features, including almond-shaped eyes and full lips. I'm not perfect, but I'm honest and trustworthy. Guys over 30 are encouraged to apply! Write, and please include your photo. Reply BT Box JA98B.

GWM Seeks Asian

To go out to restaurants, movies, dancing and/or other fun times. Have intelligent or not so intelligent conversations, sex, J/O sessions, and quiet, romantic evenings at home. I'm 40+, 5'9", 140#, HIV-, NS. You: approx. 30-45, smooth, slender to medium build and versatile. Call ★★3833.

Seeking A Friend And Partner

GWM, youthful 40 y.o., 5'11", 155#, HIV+, professional. Interests include: movies, romantic dinners, outdoor activities, art and stimulating body exploration. Sks a "relationship-oriented" man, 30-45, who is sincere, romantic and secure about himself, able to communicate and share intimate feelings and affections, medium to well-built body desired. Call ★★3834.

Similarities And Differences

We are both solidly grounded, stable, masculine identified, HIV-, health-conscious, and emotionally available, with broad interests, open minds, and a lot going for us. Sexually you are all top and I'm a very sensuous and responsive bottom. I'm a young 50, 5'10", fair, slim, fit, NS, ND, enjoy the arts, ethnic foods, keeping fit, and much more. Reply BT Box JA99B.

Platonic Friendship

Wanted by tall, masculine, 63-yr-old GWM. Nonsmoker, HIV-, healthy, muscular, 6'2", 193#, BB. Seeks similar, any age. Emotional closeness through intimate sharing, hikes, concerts, travel. We are both fit, like spiritual and mental stimulation and we like to have fun. Call ★★3835.

Adept Cuddler, Accomplished Kisser

6', 165, blue, brown/gray, beard, glasses, no smoke/drugs/heavy drink, gentle, patient, quiet, humorous, oral/anal-erotic, healthy HIV+, 42. Seek affectionate, optimistic, ongoing companionship for early evenings, weekends, possible sleepovers. Enjoy cats, dogs, simple meals, television (eclectic), movies (comedies, tearjerkers, suspense, classics), reading (mystery, biography, history, poetry), antiquities, forests, modest creature comforts, sleeping in, simplicity, tranquility, coziness, solitude. Oakland/Berkeley/San Francisco. Call ★★3836.

North Bay Romantic

Handsome and sexy GWM, 53, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and weekend outings. Prefer HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape. You are youthful at least in outlook, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★3837.

Berkeley Or SF Younger Bro Wanted

By caring WM, young for 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, HIV-, blue eyes, cleanshaven. Prefer slim or skinny, nonsmoker, somewhat boyish-looking guy, 18-35, any race. (Asians welcome; others too.) I work in counseling, like movies, meditation, massage, swimming, hugging, occasional mild spanking (optional). Seek friend, brother, possible lover. Plus if you exercise some, don't like bars, not much body hair, are somewhat spiritual. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Masculine, Handsome, Free-Thinking Guy Seeks Buddy

Me: masculine, handsome, fit, trim, almost 6', 165 lbs., wavy brn hair, moustache, hazel eyes, professional, free-thinking guy. Likes: music, pre-1964 and some post-1964, dogs, cats, outdoors, carpentry, watercolors, horticulture, Lassen, camping, hiking, board games. Seeks: companionship & independent, intelligent, good-looking, naturally masculine guys, 30-40, w/similar interests. Agnostic, Jewish, Peninsula residents a plus. Reply BT Box JA100B or call ★★3838.

Frodo Seeks Aragorn

If you're into clones, attitude, labels, cliques, or only interested in gym-perfect bodies, you can skip to the next ad. For those of you still reading: Irish-American GWM, 29 y.o., boyish looks, curly red hair and green eyes, 5'9" and 160 lbs. (a little taller than your typical halfling, I know), actor-singer by night, doing the corporate thing by day, affectionate Sagittarian (just a little wild) with an off-the-wall sense of humor. A longtime friend of Narnia, I love fantasy, historical and vampire novels; show tunes (and almost any other kind of music); and good theater and film. I like a lot of hugging, kissing and touching; and also a little rough and tumble fun. Seeking gentle warrior: attractive GWM, mid-20s to late-30s, has hair on his head but not on his face, medium build, height unimportant, for friendship first and then who knows? If you can plan around a busy schedule (mine and maybe yours too), are unpretentious, have a lot of patience (San Francisco is a long way from the Shire), and value physical warmth as much as (or more than) sex, maybe we could keep each other company (or more) in this wet and windy corner of Middle-Earth. Reply BT Box JA101B or call ★★3839.

Boss

Dominant seeks submissive for monogamous, safe action, including worship, discipline, instruction, spanking, eventual bondage and unrelenting tit play. No brutality or raunch. You're HIV-, 30-50, NS, light drinker, dark-haired, tall, with a very lean, well-exercised, sensitive, hairy body. You have smarts, spunk and a burning desire to serve a 5'10", 163#, 46, good-looking, well-built, hairy, no-nonsense top who is intolerant of games, respectful of limits, full of imagination, easily able to command adoration, compliance and devotion. Call ★★3840.

Realistically Passionate

GBM, 5 ft., 115 lbs., dancer's build, smooth, hairless, muscular body, HIV+, 35-year-old, into reality not fantasies about who you and I are. Want friendship, trust and passion with a man. I love adventures, travel, sex with all kinds of men. I am passionate, sensitive and a very romantic, sane person. Looking for nonsmoker, passionate, romantic man who owns himself. You gotta like sex! Write or call. Reply BT Box JA102B or call ★★3841.

Steel & Ink

Shy, attractive, QWBoy, short brown/green, 5'9", 135, 31, tattooed, pierced, paganish, not fanatic, stable, workman/student/artist, domestic, unconventional, versatile, into computer art, all music, appreciate alternate beliefs. Desire to meet similar alternate type guyfriend who is comfortable with self, has sensitivity to learn/teach, short or long hair, dark eyes, versatile, any race, 25-35ish, to share mind expansion, awareness, growth into friends, perhaps more. Reply BT Box JA103B or call ★★3842.

If You're Asian, Read On

You're young, under 30, thin or fit, nice-looking and Asian. I'm Latin American, 22, 5'8", 130 lbs., good-looking and financially secure. I like movies, dancing, hiking and good conversation. I'm inexperienced in relationships and sincerely looking for friendship or more, but I don't know where to look. Why is it so hard to meet interesting people? I know you're out there! Call ★★3843.

Body And Soul Moderate

Maybe just friends/maybe more serious Partner: Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: music (pop, jazz, Mahalia, etc.), Twilight Zone, Poe, Van Gogh, Pascal, Kierkegaard, independent Christian, Chaplin, Newhart, the Far Side; NO heavy alcohol/drugs, lite Cheapthrill video, Kirk Cummings, quiet nights at home, ethnic food, etc. You: ??... I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, cleanshaven, "good-looking" & easygoing. Letter/photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★3844.

The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter

Warm, sexy, affectionate GWM seeks life partner. I'm 6'5", 185, 34 y.o., HIV- with brown hair, hazel eyes, thick moustache, and a hot swimmer's body. Extremely attracted to hirsute, HIV- GWMs with facial hair and hot, physically fit bodies. Sexually, I'm versatile, but lean more toward bottom. Turn-ons: salt and pepper hair, outdoors, reading, French kisses. Turn-offs: cigarettes, heavy drugs, playing games, insincerity. Work evenings. Call ★★3845.

East Bay GLM

37 y.o., black/brown with touch of gray, Latin male, HIV+, looking for interesting people between ages of 30-50, HIV+, for friendship and maybe romance. I have various interests. Please call, tell me about yourself and I will return your call. Call ★★3846.

Just Sex

GWM, 30, 5'7", 150 lbs., good-looking, with a nice body. Looking for a GAM, GLM or GWM for a good time. I enjoy movies, fine food & wine, working out & just a quiet evening at home. Let's meet and get to know each other. Call ★★3847.

Hairy, Trim Bear

GWM, 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., flat tum, 31-inch waist, hairy chest and back, muscular but not body-builder, moustache, bald on top, glasses, seeks friends—let's see what develops. Me: professional, mostly top, very oral, voracious reader, films, theater, fine food, hiking, politics (radical), emotionally together, eclectic interests. Call ★★3848.

Hot Top

GWM, fantastic top, 43, look early 30s, sandy blond, moustache, blue eyes, medium build, professional, HIV-, looking for stable, hairy bottom, 21-50, who likes to have fun, party, trips to the River/Wine Country, romantic dinners by the fire, cuddle after hot sex. Latins, Italians a plus. Serious only need apply. Call ★★3849.

You + Me = We

You: 25-35 y.o., tall, dark & handsome. Me: 28 y.o., 6'2" tall, 200 lbs., thinning blond hair, blue eyes, moustache & sideburns. We: handsome features, good bodies, athletic, creative, humorous, open, honest, romantic, passionate, educated, frat rats, successful, non-drugs, HIV+, marriage-minded, professional, entrepreneurs, seeking same. Write 584 Castro St., Suite 221, SF 94114-2500 or call ★★3850.

Short And Sweet

Monogamous, romantic guy into working out, cooking, film, TV, art, theater, dance, music, gay events, Democrats, fashion, 501s, body worship, titplay & J/O. I'm a smooth, muscular Asian, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, 14a, great legs, moustache, HIV-. No smokers, drugs. If you're single, relationship-oriented, gym-toned, have similar interests, around 40, HIV-, call ★★3851.

HIV+ White Males:

Cute guy, 32, w/long blond ponytail, blue eyes, 5'8", 160#, muscular runner's body, seeks guys younger than himself only. Slender, muscular, geeky radicals, creative night people especially encouraged. No drugs. If you absolutely dig males, seek non-pushy versatile real guy, value loyal friendship, then let's talk or maybe meet. My favorites: sex with abandon, foreplay, extreme privacy, total honesty. Oh, yeah: kissing required. Call ★★3852.

Wanting It All

I've got it all to give and I want to get as good as I'm giving. I'm the intrinsically masculine, socially graceful, adventurous, golden-hearted, athletic, culturally enlightened, strikingly handsome, clean-cut, all-American boy next door that it seems everybody wants to find, and I'm looking for another young guy who's my equal. My stats: WM, 27 (look younger), 170 lbs., 5'11", brn/blue. Life is too extraordinary, sweet, and short, to not make the most of it. I've spent a lifetime building truly inspiring qualities and find that now I want to be inspired, too. I took the first step: this ad. You make the next: write or call me. You won't be taking a chance because I'll answer every response. Reply BT Box JA104B or call ★★3853.

Someone For Me

Good-looking GAM looking for love and relationship. Great personality, good sense of humor, honest and caring. Sexually versatile. I'm 38, 5'7", 145 lbs., healthy HIV+. Interests also include reading, cooking, working out and traveling. Not into bars or smoking. I'm seeking attractive WM, 35-45, masculine, sincere, nonsmoker with some similar interests, to share

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life with. You won't be disappointed. Letter with photo to BT Box JA105B or call ★★3854.

Peninsula Butt-Fucker

Wanted by 38-yr-old, smooth-skinned Filipino, husky at 210, who yearns for a hairy-chested older or younger guy, under 50, to hold me down. I love guys with hair but not necessary... Mount me savagely! Screw me on a reg. basis or as a one-nighter. Have lips will travel. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 50861, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★3855.

Are You Lonesome Tonight??

GWM, black irish, HIV+, early-30s, looking for a butch-versatile man. A good sense of humor is essential. I'm looking for someone who enjoys good, wholesome food, just like grandma used to make. I have a wide variety of interests ranging from theater to dining out, but also am comfortable watching ice hockey, eating pizza and having a couple of beers with the lads. Reply BT Box JA106B or call ★★3856.

Handsome-Masculine-Monogamous

Strikingly handsome 31-year-old GWM with Mediterranean (French/Spanish) looks. Brown hair/eyes w/moustache, 5'10", 170 lbs. I work out 4 days a week and have a well-built, lean, muscular body. I am honest, romantic, sincere, confident, naturally masculine & a financially secure professional. You should also have the above traits plus a sense of humor & be willing to commit to a monogamous relationship. I'm very faithful when I make a commitment & expect the same. You should be good-looking, 33-43 yrs. old, height proportionate to weight, sexually versatile & no drugs. Send photo (returned) & letter to BT Box JA107B or call ★★3857.

Asian

Caring GAM, 44 y.o., 130 lbs., 5'7", HIV-, young looking, honest, romantic, easygoing, hoping to find "special," mature GWM for possible relationship. My interests include music, travel, movies, quiet times... Not into smoking, drinking. Just wonder if there is a companion in search of something similar. Drop me a line. Photo if possible (will be returned). Reply BT Box JA108B.

Do You Like What I Like?

I like: People (the friendly, intelligent kind), thoughtful conversation, politics (liberal), jazz (Ellington, Miles, Mingus, Hargrove...), Asian cuisines (Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean), sweets, movies (junk to highbrow), Star Trek, Jeopardy, NPR, chess, poker, blackjack, dating, relationships, sex. I am: cute, 28, slim, 5'9", with dark brown hair and very blue eyes. You, please, are: similar age, nonsmoker, cute and...? Call ★★3858.

Lascivious Young Queer

GWM, 6', slim, blond/blue, 20-year-old, HIV-, college student and genuinely attractive. Whew! That sums up my person and you can/are/should be: 18-25, attractive and intelligent. Random items: I love the Brady Bunch, Dame Edna, cafes and driving. Send a photo and letter (will return) for further correspondence: PO Box 7687, Stanford 94309 or call ★★3859.

Head Turner Seeks Same

Gorgeous GWM seeks muscular, fun, top man for dating. I'm 26, 6', brn/brn, 155 lbs., and HIV-. I'd like to meet an attractive WM within 6 yrs. of my age who is outgoing, talkative, artistically inclined and in command of a great sense of humor. Usually I'm attracted to military or alternative types who are my build or larger (mass not height), but basic good looks and the right personality traits are more important. If you would like to meet a sincere and sexy guy who can be both quiet and wild then let s talk. I lift weights, love to dance, live for music, and almost always have some kind of grin on my face. Call ★★3860.

Data Seeks Crusher

Do you adore reason, creativity, science, technology, liberty: lack belief in all religion and mysticism; base your identity on your character, not what you do or have; have the courage and trust to respect the autonomy of others? Are you gentle, humorous, passionate, curious, benevolent, healthy? Do you expect honesty, respect and friendship first? I offer what I seek. Call ★★3861.

Widowed And Lonely

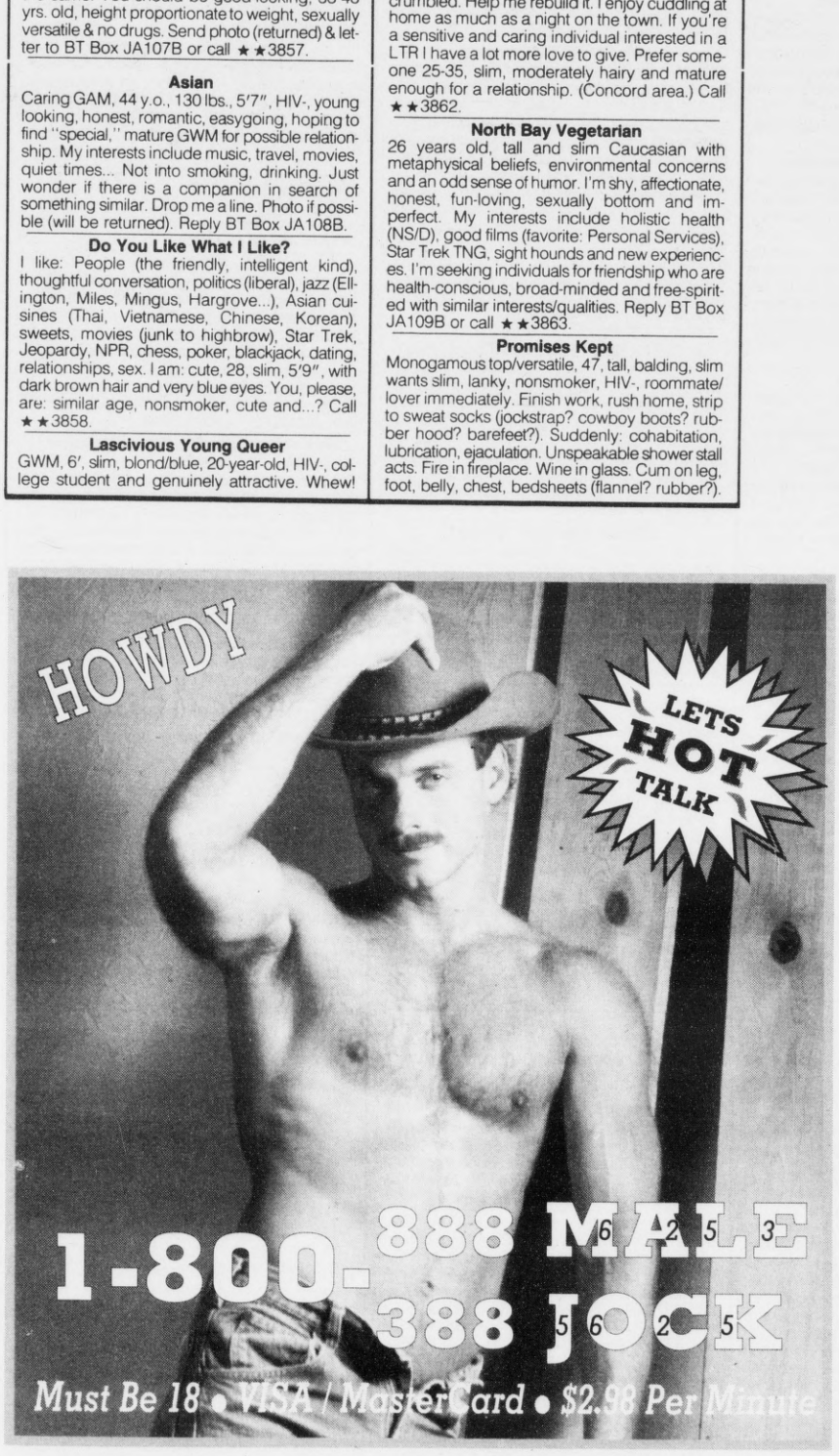
I'm 32, 5'10", 155 lbs., GWM, whose life has crumbled. Help me rebuild it. I enjoy cuddling at home as much as a night on the town. If you're a sensitive and caring individual interested in a LTR I have a lot more love to give. Prefer someone 25-35, slim, moderately hairy and mature enough for a relationship. (Concord area.) Call ★★3862.

North Bay Vegetarian

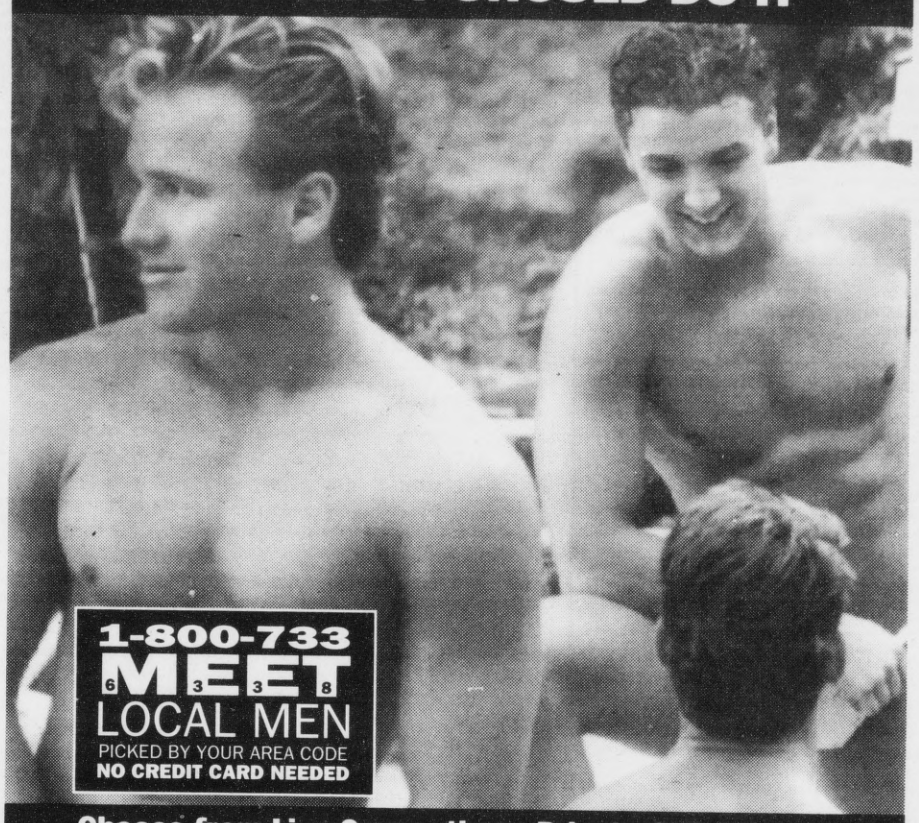
26 years old, tall and slim Caucasian with metaphysical beliefs, environmental concerns and an odd sense of humor. I'm shy, affectionate, honest, fun-loving, sexually bottom and imperfect. My interests include holistic health (NS/D), good films (favorite: Personal Services), Star Trek TNG, sight hounds and new experiences. I'm seeking individuals for friendship who are health-conscious, broad-minded and free-spirited with similar interests/qualities. Reply BT Box JA109B or call ★★3863.

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Monogamous top/versatile, 47, tall, balding, slim wants slim, lanky, nonsmoker, HIV-, roommate/lover immediately. Finish work, rush home, strip to sweat socks (jockstrap? cowboy boots? rubber hood? barefeet?). Suddenly: cohabitation, lubrication, ejaculation. Unspeakable shower stall acts. Fire in fireplace. Wine in glass. Cum on leg, foot, belly, chest, bedsheets (flannel? rubber?).



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I want to slip a condom on your dick and suck you off. No hassles. Your place. Am 37, HIV-, cute, fit. You are masculine Black or super hairy (any race) all over, decent body, HIV- and horny for hungry warm mouth. Will also service your big balls. Some weekdays possible. Am nice guy. You be too. Am in relationship but want your cock to blow. Thanks. Call ★★3865.

Let's Get Together!

For "coffee," a date? Or more! Looking for friends, sex & possible relationship. I'm 35, 5'9", 150, dark blond/blue, cleanshaven, HIV-, mostly vegetarian, nonsmoker. Interests include fitness, visual arts, massage, dance clubs & quiet eves at home. I generally like younger guys but have no age "requirements." Must be trim, fun-loving, health-conscious and appreciate dry humor. Let's talk & arrange to meet. "The proof is in the pudding." Call ★★3866.

Healthy HIV+

GWM, 29, 6', 175, blk, brn, looking for friendship/relationship. Attracted to longhaired, earthy, non-materialistic, spiritual, self-supporting, romantic guys. Interests include: Haight Street shops, alternative healing, stones, coffee, moderate smoking, B movies, pool, live music, David Bowie, Joni Mitchell, the Smiths, etc. Not into: pretentiousness, heavy drugs, Castro clones, weekend mall shoppers... Reply BT Box JA110B or call ★★3867.

Spanking And Friendship

Warmhearted GWM, young for 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., fairly smooth, trim, HIV-, seeks younger brother (18-35) or older stepdad (or priest?). Best if brother is rather slim; can be bottom, top, just one or both. Best if stepdad is older, caring, strict, top spanker with strong hand, strap. Safe, limits respected. Enjoy massage, not seeking sex in this context. PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

C.E.O.

(Charming European Oldie) available. If you prefer a mature man, this is your lucky day! Educated, healthy, hard-working, SF man (60s), wants a younger man to share city walks, movies, music, conversation and quiet times. Me: affectionate, loyal, decent, sense of humor, NS, ND. You have similar qualities and don't smoke. Is there room in your life for a good friend? Send a note and photo. Thank you. Reply BT Box JA111B or call ★★3868.

Chunky Brown-Skinned Guys

Light my rockets, turn my crank, yank my chain and make me swoon. So if you're looking for a friend who likes to chat on the phone, dance at the Box, swim in the pool and cuddle between the sheets, I'm white-skinned, 5'11", 175#, brown hair, blue eyes and in good shape inside and out. Call ★★3869.

Hard Body

That's what I want. Me: 5'8", 150 lbs., 30, br/gr, gym-goer, hung and cut. You: short hair, cleanshaven, square Marine jaw or reasonable facsimile. Casual and intense. Call ★★3870.

Anyone For Old Movies?

East Bay GWM, 39, 5'7", 145#, desires the simple pleasures of platonic friendship with a new buddy or two with whom to enjoy old films at the Castro, events at Theatre Rhino, SF Gay Men's Chorus, etc. I'm easygoing, tolerant, spiritually inclined, a bit on the shy side and a nonsmoker. Please write me at BT Box JA112B and tell me a little about you.

Like To Watch, Be Watched

Or maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o., short guy, 5'5", in good shape, nice dick, hairy legs, ass. You are any age, healthy and hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★3871.

Midwestern Boy

Good-looking Midwestern boy with tattoo, 25, 5'11", 150 lbs., brn/blue, great build. Looking for someone who's good-looking, honest but not abrasive, and likes intense but safe morning sex. Hispanic a plus. Call ★★3872.

Irish Prince

Tall, dark, attractive, 42-yr-old GWM from SF, now residing in Sonoma County. Blk hair, blue eyes, moustache, 180 lbs., in-shape, HIV-. Professional, secure with many interests including travel, cooking, fine wine and men who appreciate these and more. I've been out of a relationship for several years and want to meet masculine men interested in meeting an interesting, interested and sincere man. Call ★★3873.

Stocky Or Chubby Older Man

Sought by GAM, 34, 5'7", 118 lbs., slim, fit, boyishly attractive, well-educated, interesting. You look 40-55, with moustache or beard, any race or social status, not too shallow, conceited or unattractive. Call ★★3874.

Heart's Delight

Rugged, smooth, masculine Asian, 45, 5'9", with positive attributes and altruistic values seeks similar cleanshaven, gym-toned, muscular WM into casual or intensive relationship. Enjoy running, workouts, camping, arts, politics, PBS, dancing, music (new age, vintage rock 'n roll and classical), travel, cuddling and quiet times. Wish to meet a sincere, warmhearted romantic to communicate and share intimate feelings and affections. Interested? Box 27024, SF 94127 or call ★★3875.

How Do You Spell Relief?

GWM with long-distance lover wants submissive sex buddy for frequent, steamy, oral service. Me: good-looking, butch, affectionate, regular guy, 5'10", 160#, brn/brn, 'stache, 40s, HIV-. Athletic/muscular build. Sleazy imagination, passionate, looking for a friend and sex buddy. You: pref. younger, shorter, trim, intensely oral, wet kisser, sense of humor. SF only. No drugs. Write w/ photo (returned) to Box 159, 2440 16th St., SF 94103.

Only The Good

Positive, bright, complimentary, nurturing, sensitive, kind, clean-cut, wholesome soul looking for mutual empowerment, the magic of romance and sharing the mysteries of wonderment of life with a fun, loving counterpart who appreciates manners and is secure in his own truth. Let's let our passion run wild between our healthy, tall, well-endowed bodies we respect while we hold reverence for the acceptance, reciprocity, communication and goodness that grows between us. I live in Napa Valley and San Francisco. Write PO Box 10442, Napa 94581 or call ★★3876.

Bare Feet

GWM, 30s, muscular, masculine, seeks others into barefoot play. Experienced or novices OK. If this is, or might be, a turn-on, let's talk. Call ★★3877.

My Future Asian Lover

He'd love to meet a handsome, bearded, professorly East Bay GWM, 43, 5'11", 170. He's lean, smooth. Like me, he's HIV-, reliable, communicative, non-substance dependent, masculine, affectionate, faithful, honest, spiritual, out as gay. Though we're equal partners, he enjoys my playing daddy sometimes. We walk in nature, appreciate City culture and community and might even sing together at the piano! Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94702 or call ★★3878.

Romantic, But Slightly Cynical

I'm an affectionate and demonstrative, stable and communicative young 41-year-old, 5'10½", 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy. Looking for a sensitive, energetic, cuddly man who is comfortable with intimacy. I have varied interests (esp. languages, modern European culture, current events), a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), good (sometimes crazy) sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★3879.

I'm A...

Theory boy, 22, sustained by Audre Lorde, Bananarama, liberation movements, Adrienne Rich, birds of paradise, David Wojnarowicz, broadsheets, Tim Miller, Euro-disco, bell hooks, idealism, and apple-pears. Although I have a lover and friends, I want to meet queers who respect their own intricacies, love queerness critically, connect their struggles to the struggle of others, and know when to talk and when to shut up. Call ★★3880.

Black Buddy Wanted

You: African American, very slender or defined, smooth, stable, like kids, FrA/P, maybe GrP. Me: GWM, 39, husky, hairy, bearded "bear" type, 5'11", 190 lbs., single parent, not much spare time, HIV-, nonsmoker, like cuddling, kissing, FrA/P, GrA. Us: get together for friendship, good communication, safe sex, whatever develops. Relationship possible. HIV status unimportant. Prefer East Bay. Call ★★3881.

Musician's Musician

Companionable, artist-type, solitary "INFP," healthy mind/body, seeks friend who listens to his inner spirit and can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, spiritual, non-egocentric, understanding, beauty/nature, spontaneous. Enjoy: listening, sharing thoughts/feelings/mutual experiences, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring, music(-making), dining. Classical musician/teacher, GWM, young 45, 123#. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★3882.

Daddy's Man

No boys here—just a hot and sexy man, on his knees and on all fours for dad's pleasure. Those other guys all want me on top but we know better. Submissive, novice bottom seeks loving, caring dad to show me the ropes and occasionally share me with his buddies. I'm white, fit, 40s and fabulous. You be too. Call ★★3883.

Seeking Companion

Smart, youthful and creative! Easygoing and caring, yet playful and humorous, serious and challenging, curious and able to listen. I value time together, with friends and by myself. I enjoy writing, theater and cultural politics; cycling, hiking, swimming. Clear communication, flexibility and self-awareness are more important to me than sharing all the same interests. Stats: boyish good looks, 5'9", slim, dark blond, cleanshaven, nonsmoker, HIV-, 42. Please send photo and letter. Reply BT Box JA113B.

Hot, Masculine And Hungry

GWM, 39, 5'10", 170, muscular, in-shape, good-looking, HIV+, looking for buddy, possible relationship. You should be GWM/GLM, 30-49, have a strong libido (like me) and enjoy receiving expert and prolonged head. Call ★★3884.

J/O Exhibitionist

GWM, 5'8", 150, 30s, cleanshaven, HIV-, good-looking, very muscular, seeks similar GWM, under 42, cleanshaven, for one-on-one or possible group J/O and oral sessions. Must be muscular, handsome, enjoy being an exhibitionist and exploring your creative side. Call ★★3885.

Wanted... Black Man Of The World

Who is sensitive, adventurous, masculine, bright, romantic, good-looking, athletic and worldly, 25-40, with level head, for friendship? A titillating affair? More? Busy, furry, masculine WM, 36, 6'1", 190#, brown & blue. I travel extensively abroad, love stimulating conversation, good dinners, outdoors. If you're versatile, relaxed, not damaged goods or addicted, call. HIV+, African, Latin, Caribbean man OK. Call ★★3886.

Looking For Asian Friends

Attractive Asian-American, 29, 5'10", 170 lbs., good build, seeks similar Asian/Asian-American, 24-35 years old, for friendship or maybe more. I like movies, eating in/out, hiking, cuddling and reading. Give me a call and let's become friends. Call ★★3887.

What A Weird Place

Psycho twisto artist type with sudden mood swings and a knowledge of angels, 26, very tall, very slim, very energetic, esoteric and not apologetic, likes Watts, Vonnegut, Campbell, Waits, Clinton, Galas, Witkin, Wojnarowicz and Finley. Loves the forest, magic spots and trips to the other side. Looking for those who know what they want or at least are looking. What's it all about? Let's find out. Call ★★3888.

Wanna Get Married? Ready For It?

6', 185#, brn/grn, vry good-looking, 35, sloppy dresser, great sex, super cuddler, cleanshaven, hairy chest, smart. Ready to build sweet, outdoorsy, monogamous relationship w/vry good-looking man, 25-45, who's most of the following: boyish, smart, horny, lanky, creamy, cleanshaven, romantic, cuddler, smooth. Geeks w/glasses, extra points. No smoke, drugs, alcohol. No dreamy eyes—i.e., you have real relationship experience, willing to stay & work at it when it's tough. Call ★★3889.

Asian Valentine Requested

Friendly, sincere GWM, 47, 175 lbs., 5'11", dark grayish hair, moustache, seeking Asian man from early-30s to mid-40s. I'm a very caring and affectionate man who is looking to meet a special friend who likes movies, travel, home life and lots of cuddling. I'm romantic, fun to be with, HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker. Reply BT Box JA114B or call ★★3890.

One Good Man Deserves Another

We: 30-45, variety of interests & pursuits, in-shape but not fanatic, responsible, cheerful, NS/ND, won't marry anyone quickly but looking to date "husband material." Me: 6'2", 195#, blond, 'stache (always), beard (now), versatile sexual interests but out of practice, HIV+ but doing fine, live in CC Co., work SF. You: an interesting adult man, probably shorter or thicker than me, probably dark hair. Let's exchange photo & brief letter: 41 Sutter St., Box 1215, SF 94104.

Shy/Positive/GWM

GWM, 41, 5'9", 165#, red flat top, blue eyes, smooth, cleanshaven, 6" cut, healthy HIV+, shy, cigarette smoker, light drinker. I'm versatile but a bottom at heart. Seeks GAM/GWM, 28-38, smooth, average to better build, healthy, HIV status unimportant. What is important is that you want someone to love and possibly develop a long-term relationship. South Bay, East Bay. No drugs. Reply BT Box JA115B or call ★★3891.

I'm Happy

And I'd like to share the things I like with another happy guy. Food, wine, music, conversation, travel, intimacy. I'm Jewish, 45, lawyer, live in Oakland, work in SF, wavy brown hair, 5'9", 175, HIV-, cleanshaven, hairy-chested (but prefer smoother men). Don't write if any of these things are important to you: cigarettes, drugs, television, spirituality, one-night stands. If you're still reading, let's exchange photos. Reply BT Box JA116B.

East Meets Far East

European-born video producer, 48, seeks warm, communicative, sensual, nurturing relationship with Asian, 25-35, who values the deeper things of the heart. I'm a compassionate, spiritually oriented fellow with a fund of creativity as well as a large appetite for the comic. My friendships are lasting. Interests include the healing arts, language, community and stage performance. I'm 5'7", 150#, HIV-, with salt and pepper hair, gray-green eyes, Roman nose. I look 40, am trim and appealing. You're a sensitive, thinking guy, outside the bar circuit, who flourishes in the love of a more mature man. Let me be he. Call ★★3892.

Life Is A Banquet

Looking for romantic partner to share the abundance. Kissing comes first in my book. Also crucial are honesty, friendliness, a spirit of cooperation & willingness to work in a relationship. Main interests: movies, music, travel. Nonsmokers & Democrats only, please, age 27 to 44 (approx.). Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Write with friendly photo: Boxholder, 584 Castro St., Box 308, SF 94114 or call ★★3893.

Heart To Heart, Soul To Soul

I've lived in SF since Dec. 30 and am tired of going to bars and being invited for 3-ways and 1-nighters. I'm looking for a guy who wants to date and is not afraid of commitment. Me: 6', 165#, blond, blue, moustache, fairly hairy, 34, HIV-, sensitive, earthy. I enjoy movies, dining, walks, music (no opera), quiet evenings and watching sunsets. You: GWM, 30-38, proportionate, medium to dark hair, body hair (facial hair a plus), nice eyes, attractive, NS/ND, responsible, live in SF. Turn-ons: honesty, sincerity, monogamy, wit, romance, affection, fun. Turn-offs: pretentiousness, musclemen, game playing, guys who are straight-acting. Call ★★3894.

This Is A Sex Ad...

With potential for much more. Seeking bright, cute, short men (under 5'10") who are proportionately built, cleanshaven or goateed, short-haired, any race, who tend to be dominant in bed yet versatile. I'm a 40 y.o. Caucasian male (pardon the cliche but I look younger), handsome, 6', 166#, br/bl, cleanshaven, HIV-, shyish, easygoing. Interested? Call ★★3895. Please no heavy smokers or drug abusers.

Tall, Dark...?

My 6'5", 195 lb. stature need not intimidate. Soft brown hair and glistening blue-green eyes soften handsome, masculine features. A busy and physically demanding profession, and regular exercise keep me in good health. I'm HIV-, and I need you to be as well. Seeking similarly healthy, masculine and loving guy, with a sense of humor, up to age 40. Possibility of exploring touch sensually, intimately and erotically within safe parameters. Meet initially at the ole cafe, then quiet talks over dinner, walks, theater, ballet, movies, Josie's Cabaret, museums and, of course, relax at home with a video or Masterpiece Theater or Murphy Brown. Please: no smoking or drugs and moderate drinking, as I abstain. I'm looking for a companion to explore and have fun with, not necessarily "one and only!" Call ★★3896.

Travel Buddy—Europe

GWM, 36, easygoing artist. Seeking compatible budget- and quality-minded friend to share travel and touring and loving with. I plan to travel 1 month starting mid-April from Amsterdam thru Germany, then mostly Italy to France and depart from Paris. I am flexible to other destinations. I offer a discount airfare to my buddy. Must make plans quickly. Let's go. Call ★★3897.

Special Valentine Needed

I'm interested in meeting a tall Asian/Hispanic/Italian man for—you name it. I enjoy outdoor & indoor activities from bicycling to dining out and much more. I'm 33, 5'8", 165, healthy, fit and nice looking. Call ★★3898.

Only Shy With Strangers

You: Mature (35-50); healthy; NS; ND; dark or blond hair/complexion; have 7" or more (uncut a plus); moderately hairy; are smart, big-hearted; like kissing, cuddling, touching; sexually adventurous with right person; believe a great sense of humor is essential (and a turn-on); know your own mind without being opinionated; striving for honesty and authenticity; have learned to respect the power of love; know and respect your magical self; looking for sexual friends with possible LTR. I am all of the above (except hairy), specifically mid-40s, 5'10", 180#, 7" cut, Aries, cartoonist, would-be writer, movie buff, nature/outdoors lover. Don't be a stranger. Reply BT Box JA117B or call ★★3899.

So All The Good Ones Are Taken, Huh?

Yo, over here! I'm nice; I'm sensitive; I bathe. I can even be romantic with another nice guy (not too nice, though). I'm 28, intelligent, professional, good-looking and still haven't met a guy who can make me laugh, make me think and make my juices boil (well, not all at the same time!). If your friends wonder why you've not met a great guy, tell 'em because you haven't called me yet. Then do it! Call ★★3900.

Filipino Valentine Wanted

Cupid is aiming for a classy, bright, mature, reasonably attractive Island Boy in his late-20s to mid-30s who is employed, drug/tobacco/game-free and not interested in the bar scene. Cupid's other arrow is reserved for a 40 y.o. GWM who is successful, cosmopolitan, romantic, healthy, not bad to look at, and seeking friendships with a potential for more. Call ★★3901.

The Magic Kingdom

Of Marin is where I live. Good-looking, boyfriend-ready, local seeks GWM, HIV- partner, 25-35, for great living, food and wine, also snow, water & jet skiing at Tahoe and Yosemite high country hiking. Me: well-endowed, swimmer's build, HIV-, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 6', 165 lbs., 30-something, car nut, SF commuter. You: cleanshaven or 'stache, good shape or beefy and masculine. Reply BT Box JA118B or call ★★3902.

Asian Sex Buddy

Let's get together for some safe fun. Titplay, light bondage/S/M, armpits, spankings, J/O, etc. Me: GAM, 28, 5'10", 165 pounds, muscular body. You: GAM, GWM or GLM, 25-40 years old, muscular to stocky to husky build, HIV- and NS. Call ★★3903.

Nonsexual Great Massage For 18-24 y.o.

I offer a superb, deliciously sensual, thoroughly pampering, deeply relaxing, pleasurable, caring and nurturing massage to healthy 18-24 y.o. guys, especially with trim, athletic, smooth physiques; or skinny, cute, uncut. I'm 39, dark-haired, thin, bi, Latino (with huge, uncut dick)... outstanding professional masseur (ten years experience). Mutual J/O after massage sometimes nice, but not required. Write PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★3904.

Attractive, African American, 25, HIV-, 245 lbs., 6'5½", moustache, athletic (very muscular) and very romantic. I'm stable, successful, a nonsmoker, drinker and drug user, and sincere w/adventurous nature and interests (mostly theater and sports). Seeking 6' and up monogamous relationship with a similarly healthy, masculine man with a funny sense of humor, 25 to 40. Letters w/ photos answered first. Reply BT Box JA119B or call ★★3905.

Nice Jewish Boy!

Looking for a mensch who appreciates *Harold & Maude*, pretentiously sipping cappucino, a slightly twisted sense of humor, conversations about hair, Hillary and "thirtysomething," modern rock, theater and movies. I prefer tall, masculine (but not "straight-acting") men under 35 with varied interests that complement my own. I'm 20, 5'6", br/br, a college student and in-shape. Write me. We'll talk. No big woop! Reply BT Box JA120B or call ★★3906.

Explore Intimacy

Sure, I'd like to have a boyfriend. Right now, a regular sex buddy would be a good start. I'm looking for one man for a regular sexual relationship. Anything beyond that would be a bonus. Me: single, good-looking GWM, successful professional, 37, 6', 165 lbs., short brown hair and beard, medium hairy, slender build, uncut, sexy, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker. Seeking: attractive, masculine, nonsmoking, affectionate buddy, 25-40, for safe sex, fun times, potential romance (or not). Pluses: good kisser, versatile, live in SF, professional, intelligent. Some of my other interests: music, movies, cooking, eating out, gardens, real estate, tropical vacations, scuba. Call ★★3907.

Seeking Older Asian

GWM, attractive, professional, warm and caring, with various interests, enjoys a quiet lifestyle, is seeking a gay Asian male, 40 to 55, who wants a loving long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am a nice person with a good heart, and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV-, affectionate/romantic and want to love and be loved. Reply BT Box JA121B.

Friendship/Relationship

GWM, 6', 165 lbs., 40ish, br/br, HIV-, handsome, fit, successful, athletic, cleanshaven, seeks masculine, good-looking, down-to-earth, happy, HIV-, NS, educated, employed, loving guy for friendship leading to monogamous relationship. Interests: tennis, movies, working out, running, evenings in, evenings out. Reply with letter and returnable photo: PO Box 472223, SF 94147 or call ★★3908.

Unique & Handsome Male

Sought by this good-looking, youthful, energetic, professional, 5'11", blue/brn, 44, HIV-, athletic GWM. Seeking a masculine, fun-loving, sensitive, honest, mature, HIV-, health-conscious, nonsmoking, drug-free, intellectually stimulating 35-45 y.o. GM with well-proportioned body. A man who enjoys physical and emotional closeness, passionate sex, and values honesty, monogamy, communication, outdoor adventures, cultural amenities, travel. Letter, photo to: BT Box JA122B or call ★★3909.

Restless

This sexy, smart painter believes that the time spent away from the studio is as important as the time spent in. 30, 5'11", 175, well-exercised and educated, bored with one-night studs, apolitical yuppies, couch potatoes. I seek intelligent, intimacy oriented, emotionally and physically fit companionship for diverse activities ranging from silly to hip to sweaty. (Dating.) Preferably reply BT Box JA123B or call ★★3910.

Good Things Come In Small Packages... Maybe...

But great things come in big packages! GBM, 32, 5'8", 340, NS/ND, GP, FA/P, HIV- seeks versatile top chaser who knows this. GL/WM, 30-45, HIV-. We're both: humorous, affectionate, passionate and into pop music, comedy, talking, kissing and television. Let's forgive each other and ourselves and form a f*buddy-to-lovers thing. Safe sex only. Hung a+. Call ★★3911.

Seeking Soulmate

Gay Japanese, 40s, well-traveled and cultured. Seeking big, gay, white male to create a spiritual bonding. Tantra to Bonnard. Callas to Madonna. Proust to Mishima. Uncut and hairy a+. Reply BT Box JA124B or call ★★3912.

GWM HIV+ Bottom Seeks GBM

And you're hairy chested too? I'm hung small and smoke, if don't mind. Blondish, smooth, 5'7", 36 yrs. old. I have to go dancing from time to time, but no crystal, no thanks. Flea markets and thrift shops, I'm a regular. Not a reader, I prefer TV and music. An arty homebody type. Are you together enough? Reply BT Box JA125B.

Motivation

GAM, 5'7", 155#, no smoke/drug seeks monogamous relationship that leads us to growth. You're under 35, nonsmoker, well-proportioned, and goal-oriented. I'm independent, stable and ambitious. We need each other to motivate, respect and share. I hope this encounter becomes a big turning point for us. Let's get together and develop friendship first. Call ★★3913.

Lust, Companionship, More

42-year-old, busy professional, 5'8", 160 lbs., Mid-east origin, looking for slim, stable and sexy Asian or Latin for romance and perhaps to build a relationship with. HIV-. Picture returned. PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★3914.

Kinky Party Guys

GWM, muscular, mid-30s, seeks guys into partying, dominance/submission fantasy, role-plays, toys, bondage, groups. Let's live out some of our wilder fantasies together. Call ★★3915.

Are You

Asian, Latin, young, smooth, high sexual energy, willing to experiment with bondage, leather, shaving or plain vanilla sex, friendship without commitment from a healthy, horny WM professional, 38, 5'11", slim, HIV-, always hard and always ready? Shy, inexperienced OK. I'm sensitive to your needs. Let's get it on. Don't be put off by anything in this ad, I'm inexperienced too, but very creative. Call ★★3916.

White/Latin Jocks

Enjoy being in front of a camera in a sensual, erotic portrait taken by young, amateur photographer. No exp. required, but be 18 to 35 y.o. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3917.

Freedom Of Choice!

Given the choice, I'd want Van Damme as my lover. But, that's not really an option. So, I'm looking for someone like me. My problem is that I

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don't fit the classic gay stereotype, despite the fact that I'm an "out" professional GWM. I'm not into gay bars or clubs, don't do tobacco or drugs, and drink little. My idea of fun is going to 49ers games, the gym, seeing a film, eating out, renting a video, playing with my computer, ridiculing Republicans, watching TV (Simpsons, Star Trek) or listening to music. I also enjoy discussions and laughing (good sense of humor a must!). Stats: 39, 5'8", cleanshaven and an enthusiastic kisser. Call ★★3918.

AAa+

Would be my rating by Moody's if I were a bond, but I am not. However, I'm still a great investment. I'm seeking attractive, HIV- men under 33, who are willing to invest the effort in geting to know someone in order to earn the high-yielding returns of a good friendship. My stats are: American Asian, 29, 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV- professional, in-shape and very handsome. (No hype!) Call ★★3919.

I'm Shy, Cute GAM

If you're mature, 20-35, weight/height proportionate, G/Bi, white/Latin, educated, with good moral values, like to hear from you. I'm 5'4", 120#, and have moderated, toned build, smooth body. I'm easygoing. Would like to meet friends who appreciate a man who enjoys quiet times on the beach, jogging, weightlifting, body toning, general body health and meeting people. "GAM," PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3920.

My Japanese Lover

Seeking cultured, passionate, sexy GM of Japanese descent. You're 27-33 yrs. old, HIV-, clean-cut, subtly but strikingly beautiful in appearance, aware but unaffected. You are masculine, yet softspoken. You're seeking a life partner. You find yourself in your pursuit of spiritual growth and varied interests. You are private, but able to lavish affection. You love the outdoors and staying in shape, and you love tall, blond men! I'm a GWM, professional, HIV-, 27 yrs. old, an ex-New Yorker with boyish good looks, blond hair, blue eyes, fair skinned, 6'4" and fit. I'm an avid cycler (great legs!), love cars, travel, the early morning, movies, photography and animals. I'm deeply passionate and often animated with words and expression. Touch and expression are vital to me... please don't hold back. I wish to satisfy our capacity for love and the erotic. I want to serve you as well as receive your gifts. Call ★★3921.

Mate, Counterpart, Confidant, Partner

Attractive GWM, masculine, successful, independent, 32, 6'1", 155 lbs., seeks a man interested in exploring the possibilities of becoming a team of two. I have a wonderful life, have all my needs met, yet I need to share a bond with an equal; an attractive, professional man with compatible interests and goals. Reply BT Box JA126B.

If

You can think of 50 things to do that do not include a television; if you like to take long walks on beaches; if straightactinggymtoned makes you yawn; if you think Reaganbush should have Silence = Death tattooed on their foreheads; if you can tolerate someone who likes opera; if you can understand that 9-to-5 two-weeks-vacation doesn't do it for some people (me, for instance); and, if you like to gaze up at the stars, then I would like to meet you. I am QWM, 36, 6', 180#, dk blond, blue, HIV-, opinionated. I think, listen, talk, laugh, read, dream, cry, plant, cook, dance, run, care (a lot) and other things. You are under 45, available, evolving, unique, honest, trusting, funny, romantic, nonsmoking and have a fairly clean house. Photo if possible. Reply BT Box JA127B or call ★★3922.

Great Sex...

Is where my relationships have always begun (it's still pretty important), but it hasn't always led to great compatibility or shared interests. I'm 38, 5'9", 160 lbs., asymptomatic HIV+. I have short hair and beard, am masculine, rugged good looks, nice body, hung and mostly a top. I'm also intense, intelligent, introspective, funny, sweet, non-gay-mainstream, with eclectic interests that include hiking, a deep love of nature and the outdoors, photography, working out, and a variety of visual arts. I'm looking for someone who's mature, masculine, good-looking and in good shape (works out), capable of intimacy, passion and gentleness, spiritually grounded; someone who is open to exploring and sharing one another's lives. My best friend says I'd be "quite a catch" (what else would he say), but I do feel more ready to form a loving partnership than ever before. At least I'd like to make a few good friends and have some fun in the process. Please reply to Boxholder, BT Box JA128B or call ★★3923.

Tarzan Seeks Boy

Predominantly German Aries GWM, 43, with large 6'1" muscular chassis, cute computer type, programmed for passion, sensitivity, dedication, emotion, nature, love, sex and cuddling, seeks boyish GWM, 20s-30s, smooth, slim to athletic type, with challenging intellect and personality, for a sincere, passionate relationship. I am a healthy HIV+, yet a warm, sensitive and gentle creation who loves motorcycling, hiking, skiing, travel and quiet romantic evenings. Your photo (returnable) gets mine. Reply BT Box JA129B or call ★★3924.

Doing What Your New Prez Sez?

GWM, 31, 5'9", 155 lbs., graduate student seeks coupledom interested in the welfare of more than just its own two members. Looking for good-hearted, smart, open-minded, honest, attitude-free, sweet guys, 25ish-35ish, fit, and HIV- (like me). All races and ethnicities welcome. Not interested in ideologues. Is romance for happily busy people? Maybe we can enjoy at least some of these things together: politics, volunteer work, intense debates, movies, music (especially classical, but also Big Band, C&W, modern rock and hip hop—I'm a whirling dervish on the dance floor), gym work, bicycle rides, cooking for friends, reading newspapers and essays, churchgoing, hanging out in the wilderness, hot safe sex or ?. I'm fit, muscular and told I'm cute (but then what are friends for?). Photos are nice, but much more important is that you tell me at least as much about you as I've told you about me. Reply BT Box JA130B or call ★★3925.

Long-Haired Guys

Are my favorite! Especially if you're a reasonably attractive and fit, cleanshaven, easygoing, kind-hearted, 20s-40s, NS, emotionally secure kind of guy. So am I. Looking to meet a few new friends to trade hair care tips, and to explore and enjoy rural adventures and occasional urban artistic episodes. Midwestern-bred with European tastes, I enjoy similarities, yet respect individuality. Reply BT Box JA131B or call ★★3926.

You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To

Because you value mutual affection and comfort, sharing feelings and thoughts and lots of laughs. I am 38, trim, 5'8", brown eyes/hair, great smile, cleanshaven, HIV-. Our interests need not be identical but mine include movies, bicycling, walks, reading, travel and you, sweetheart. Reply BT Box JA132B or call ★★3927.

Friends Plus

In Sac'to area. GWM, 5'8", 190, 50 yrs. old, balding, s/p beard. Likes outdoor activities—mt. biking, xc skiing, 4wd, camping—but we could meet for dinner. Prof. but down-to-earth; NS; no drugs, mod. drinker. Looking for similar person for adventures, snuggling, safe sex. Enjoy titwork but versatile. Reply BT Box JA133B.

The Buck Stops Here!

I'm as good as I'm going to get! GWM, 37, 6', 160 lbs., Mediterranean dark hair & eyes, HIV+, 8 years recovery, very good-looking, intelligent & humorous. I'm looking for a physical, emotional, intellectual peer, versatile sex partner. Enjoy CW dancing, movies, swimming & having fun. You are a NS/ND, 5'11" & taller, 30-45, physically together, emotionally present & know how to carry on a conversation. I'm a catch—don't miss a great opportunity to meet someone with integrity & value. Call ★★3928.

Small Persuasions

Attractive, short, New Yorican seeks other short, attractive men for fun, talk, Spanish sex, dance and romance. Under 5'4" a plus. HIV-. All races. Reply BT Box JA134B or call ★★3929.

GWM, 5'6", blue-eyed, cleanshaven, boyish good looks, blond, thirtyish designer, HIV-, looking for committed relationship with handsome prof. W. male under 35. Ht/wt proportional. Some of my interests include arts, movies, camping/hiking, dancing. NS. Honesty is essential. Call ★★3930.

45+, 6 ft., 7"+, Cut, HIV- Topman?

Been "straight" for while. WM, red hair, beard, married, 40s, 6'4", 210, fairly good build, smooth skin, uncut, nice buns, saving myself for one man. First date, no sex. Second date, blood test. Like beaches, outdoors, professional, assertive man that likes to kiss and hug. Very affectionate. I'm submissive and like to please my guy. Write with photo: PO Box 20053, Oakland 94620.

Opportunity

26, 5'7", Asian-American background, tight, lean build. Enjoys working out, travel, dining, dancing and creative arts/film. Prefer Caucasian, under 35, who, for compatibility's sake, is honestly good-looking/cute, physically & mentally in top

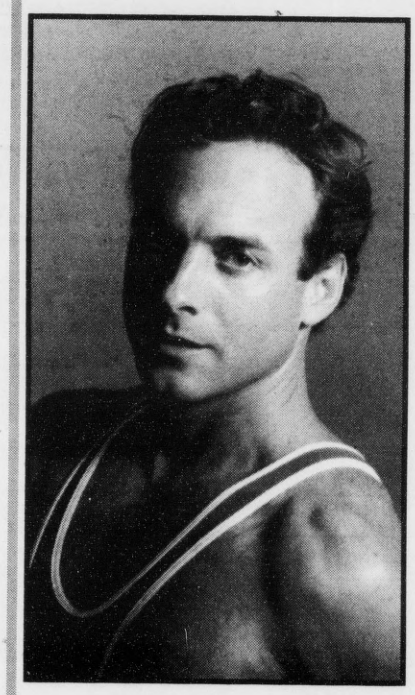


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Bohemian Romance
Charismatic, playful, spiritual self-growth, handsome, youngish 42, HIV+, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark hair & eyes, Italian. Passions include spiritual self-growth, men's movement, metaphysics, healing arts, massage exchange & good sex/sexually versatile, gym, bicycling, dance. Seeks GW/LM, 30ish to 40ish, slim, with similar interests. Faeries call! Desired values from the heart instead of the material. Nonsmoker, non-drug abuse. Reply BT Box JA135B or call ★★3932.

Irishman Wants It All
Red & white-bearded Irishman, 54, writer, wants it all: friendship, fun and lots of lovemaking. Will sleep with you—if you're the one. Write: Irishman, PO Box 762, Albion 95410. P.S. You got a photo you want me to see? Or call ★★3933.

Bottom? Smooth? HIV+?
Passionate GWM, topman, 38, brown/blue, masculine, hairy, stocky, hung, healthy HIV+. Seeks Latin, Asian, Italian (and others), smooth, bottom, who love hot times/passion and kissing. Prefer short men, cute to handsome, pluses for completely smooth butts & legs! I've been called handsome a lot, but I feel I'm about average but a cut above in bed—try for yourself! Call ★★3934.

I Love The Feel...
... Of bodies rubbing together, the touch of flesh against flesh; from quiet cuddling in bed to playful wrestling, with or without J/O, or somewhere in-between. I'm bright, musical, humorous, compact build, bald, hairy body, Jewish GWM, 40, HIV-. You're assertive, young-faced, medium build or heavier, full head of hair (queer cuts welcome), G/Bi/Q white/Asian/NtvAm. We're cleanshaven, no smoke/drink/drugs (light drinking okay). If friendship also develops, that's wonderful, but this is a physical intimacy ad. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3935. (English/Cantonese.)

Irishman, 53, Wants Young Man
Do you like sex and friendship with older man? Good. I like you already! You are 18-35, handsome, healthy, masculine. I am healthy, top, uncut, passionate with you. Let's make love. Not a sugar daddy ad. Happy Valentine. Reply #85522, 537 Jones St., SF 94102 or call ★★3936.

I'd Enjoy Meeting
A slim, moustached, nonsmoking, HIV- GWM around 35-50 to see if compatibility and mutual interest exist between us! I'm a happily self-employed, 6', 148 pound, HIV- San Francisco resident with dark hair and moustache. I'm a guy who finds life's pleasures and joys are amplified many times when I can share them with someone special. I hope you will contact me! Reply BT Box JA136B or call ★★3937.

Here Goes...
I need somebody. Maybe you do too. I'm kinda smart, introverted, totally independent. I love movies, concerts, weekend trips to LA, Reno (I'll spring for most of the expenses with the right guy). I'm a 39 y.o. Black Taurean with a disproportionately large endowment for my 5'11", 170 pound frame. I'm a vegetarian, drug-free and have recently joined a gym. You're under 35, horse hung, health-conscious, loving. Call ★★3938.

The Dancing Chinaman
Homegrown gay Asian man, handsome with smooth, pliant, muscular body. Into pain, food, massage, philosophy and Hong Kong movies. Looking for safe, trashy sex, hot bodies, pretty faces, thick cocks, any color. No strings, no Oriental fetishists. Call ★★3939.

Better Than Television
I dunno, there's something sexy about watching and being watched... Muscular, attractive, Asian man, late 20s, seeks buddies, especially Asian, Pacific Islanders and other men of color, for hot J/O fun. If you're attractive, muscular, or just plain sexy, with a good sense of humor, come play with me! Call ★★3940.

Who Put The "Stud" In Studious?
Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, boyish, trim, short (5'5") brn/brn, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. Open to whatever, though I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature, but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late-20s-early-40s, no drugs. Call ★★3941.

Attention!
Me: 28, GWM, brn/grn, 6 ft., 160 lbs., seeks 28-38ish for ? Like: Sandra Bernhard, Robertson Davies, Holly Woodlawn, Tori Spelling (ha ha), walks, dining, beaches, movies, Sonoma, skiing, two-step, most music, exploring. Loathe: bar sleaze, attitude, pretense, games. Seeking mature, together person for ? This info is important to many: attractive, average, bottom constantly (ha ha), grad student, employed, live alone SF, car. You: funny, stable, nice and able to enjoy life. Call ★★3942.

Handsome, Beefy Guy Wants Relationship
Masculine, in-shape (6'1", 185#, HIV-, NS), Sicilian (brown eyes, hair, w/moustache) wants to meet a confident, dominant and unaffected "regular guy" near my size and age (i.e., 30-45 y.o.). I'm stable, successful and sincere but have an extremely playful and adventurous nature w/many interests. These include travel, camping, scuba diving, motorcycles, BB, music, Zen and reading. Let's connect and see what happens! Call ★★3943.

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Where's My Man?
Deaf GWM, 40 years young (look 30s), 6', 146#, brown hair, blue eyes, masc., sweet, honest, humorous, good-natured and HIV-. Seeking gays/bis, Blacks/Latins, 21-45, masc., sweet, caring and affectionate for friendship and possibly relationship with honesty, heart and communication to spend some time with. A little affection really helps with life. If interested, please send me your letter with photo/phone to: Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223.

Commit Serious Indiscretions With Me
Handsome, cleanshaven man with firm, 6', slender, swimmer's body, hairy chest, HIV-, appears mid-30s and Italian, seeks meaningful, passionate connection. Interests: Macintosh design, bagels, Tai Chi, hiking, touch football, dance. You are: cute/handsome, slim or firm, probably smooth, 20-30 looking, unbearded, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, nonsmoker/drug user, HIV-, with good complexion and health. Share: laughter, longing arms, tender kisses, spacious mind. Photo please. Reply BT Box JA137B or call ★★3945.

No Valentines, But
Handsome, Asian guy, HIV+, likes casual, hot & safe sex. Hunky men of all colors are great. I'm 5'9", 138, smooth, lean. Smooth, muscular guys a+. Call ★★3946.

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& I've fallen off some rocky crag into the 6th level of Dating Hell. Can it get worse? Let's find out. Queer 20ish Asian, kinda cuteish in a non-fluffy way; hot for tattoos, goatees, short hair, meat-eating bear-types & men who look anywhere from Henry Rollins (grrrowl!) to Tasmanian Devil (i.e., fictional, animated, mute, hungry). Absolut evils: Republicans/conservatives, New Agers, big hair, gum chewers, mint. Mr. Happytime Activities: late night reading, futon fluffing, shopping for used plaid flannel shirts. Save me or I'll destroy you later. Call ★★3947.

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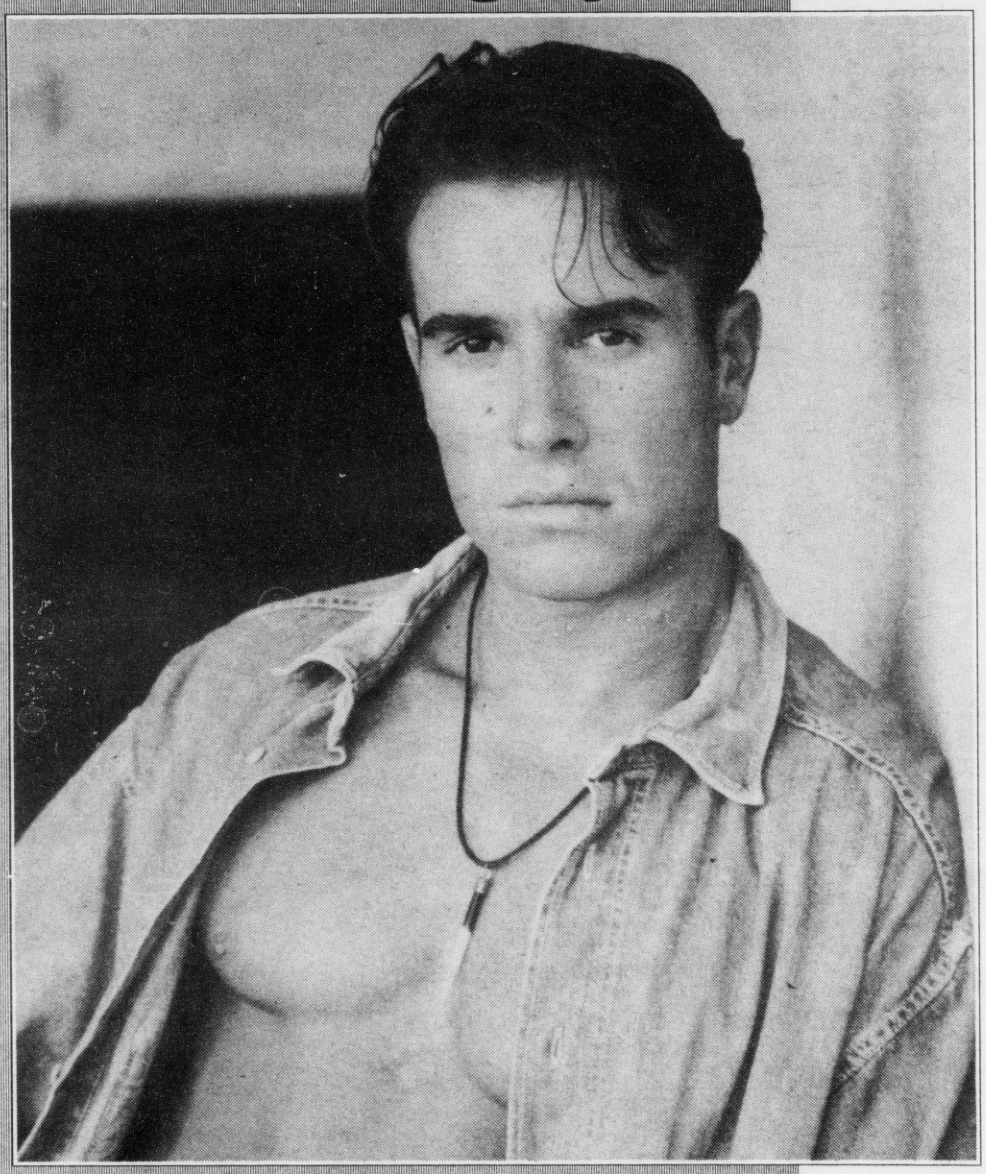
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